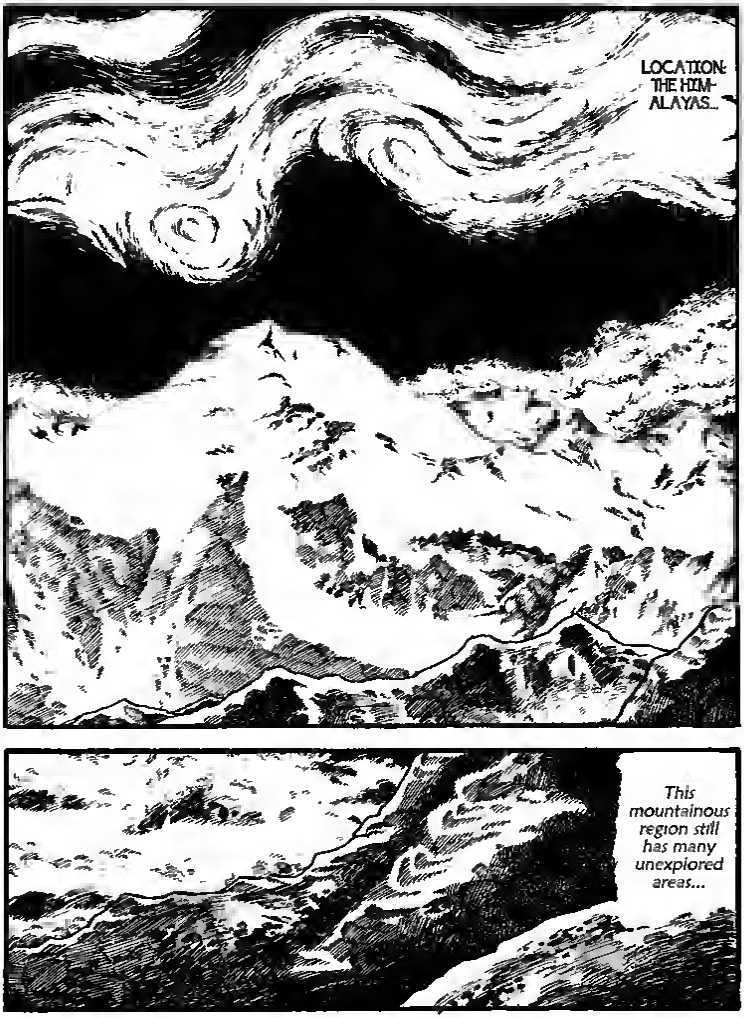
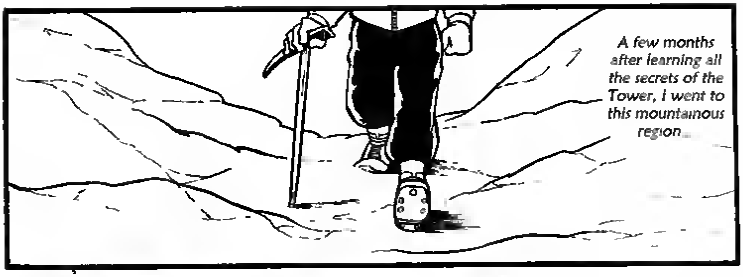
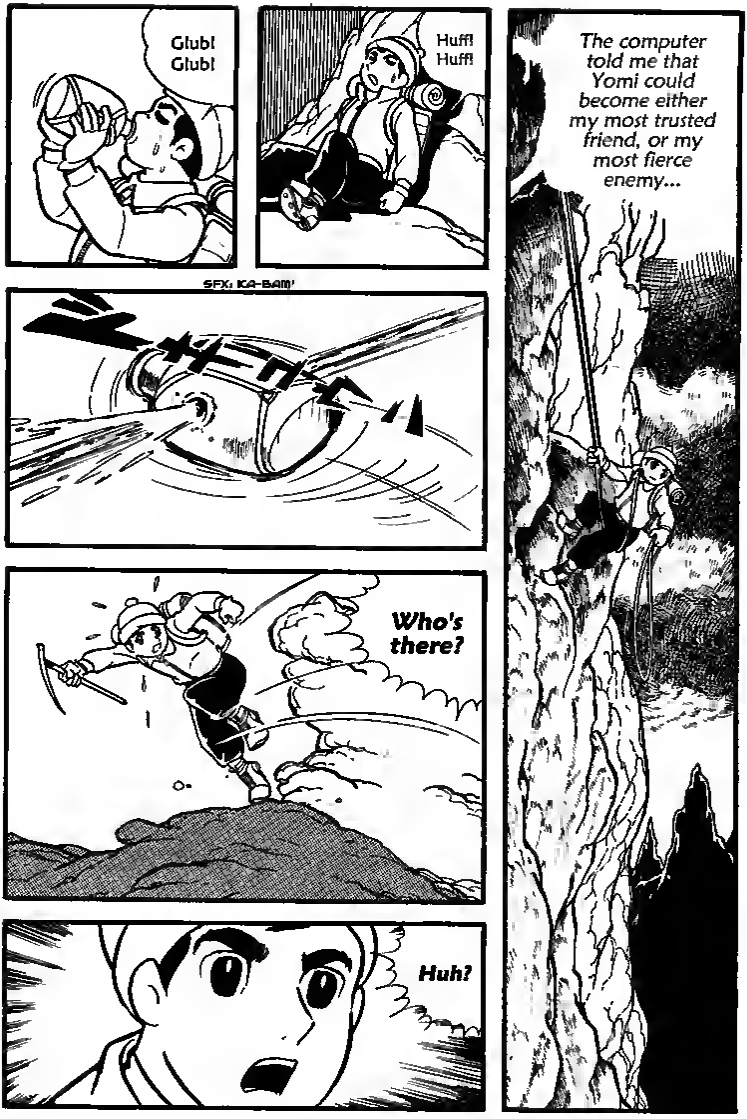
CHAPTER 002: CONQUEROR OF THE HIMALAYAS



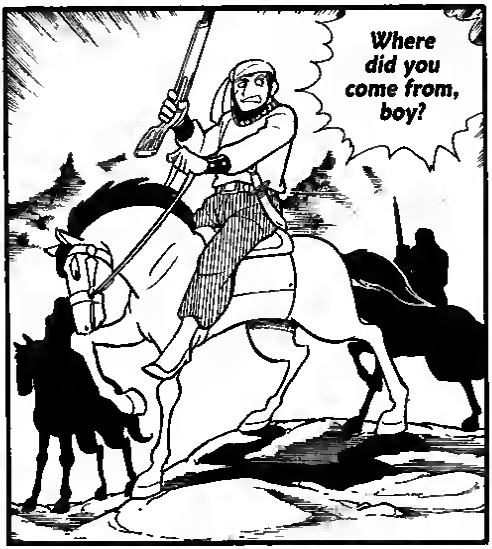

A few months after learning all the secrets of the Tower, I went to this mountainous region

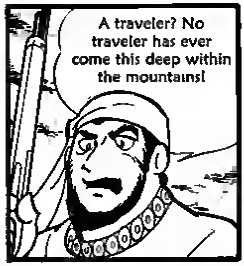
There was a man I had to meet, whether I chose to conquer the world, or work towards its peace.

And it was neither the president of America, nor the premier of the Soviet Union, but a man who lived here named Yomi


Glub! Glub!
Huff! Huff!
SFX: KA-BAM!
Who's there?
Huh?
The computer told me that Yomi could become either my most trusted friend, or my most fierce enemy...

I am a traveler!


Where did you come from, boy?


A traveler? No traveler has ever come this deep within the mountains!

I'm looking for a person named "Yomi"!

You must have some sort of purpose here!

What !?
SFX: WHOOSH!
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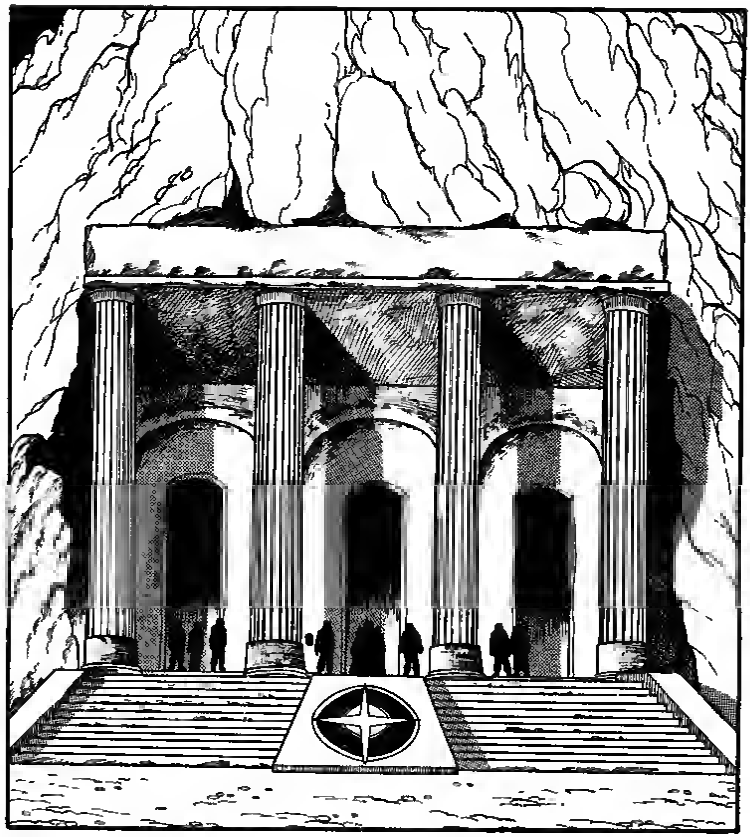
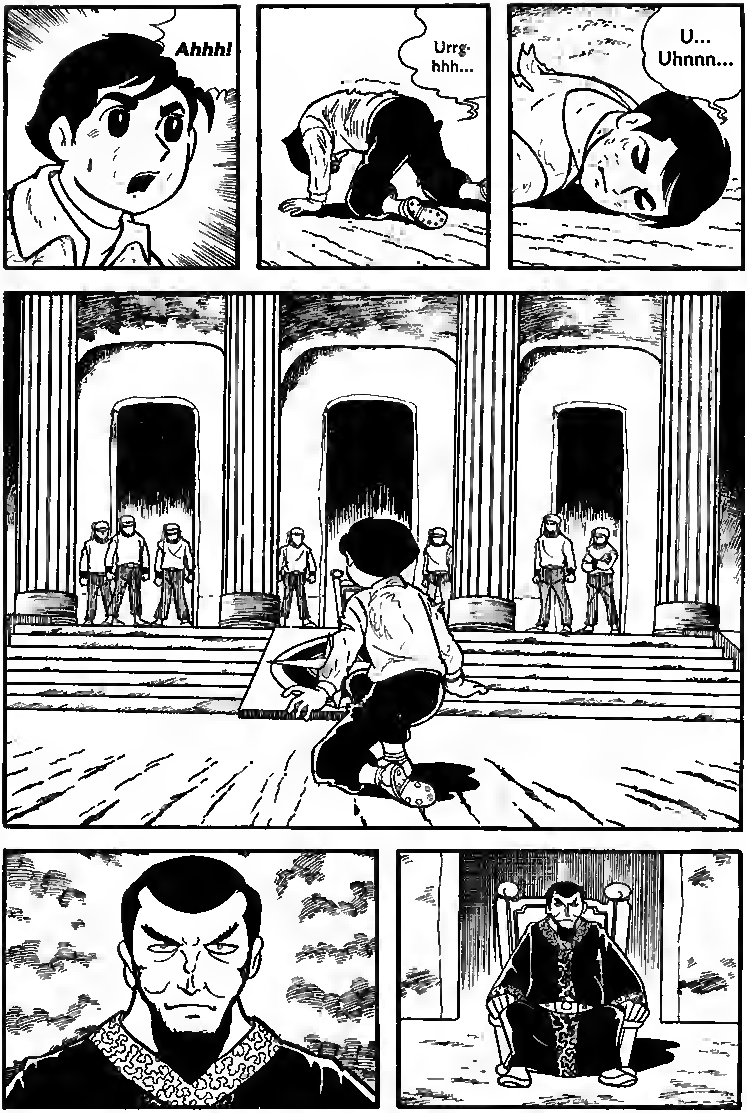
YOU KNOW YOMI!?
SFX: CRACK!
W... What are you doing !?

YAHHHH!
DRAAAG!
WAHHH!
CLOP! CLOP! CLOP! CLOP!
What are you doing!? I only came to talk to Yomi!




Ahhh!
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Uhnnn...

A-Are you Yomi...!?
SFX SNAP!
SFX CLANG!
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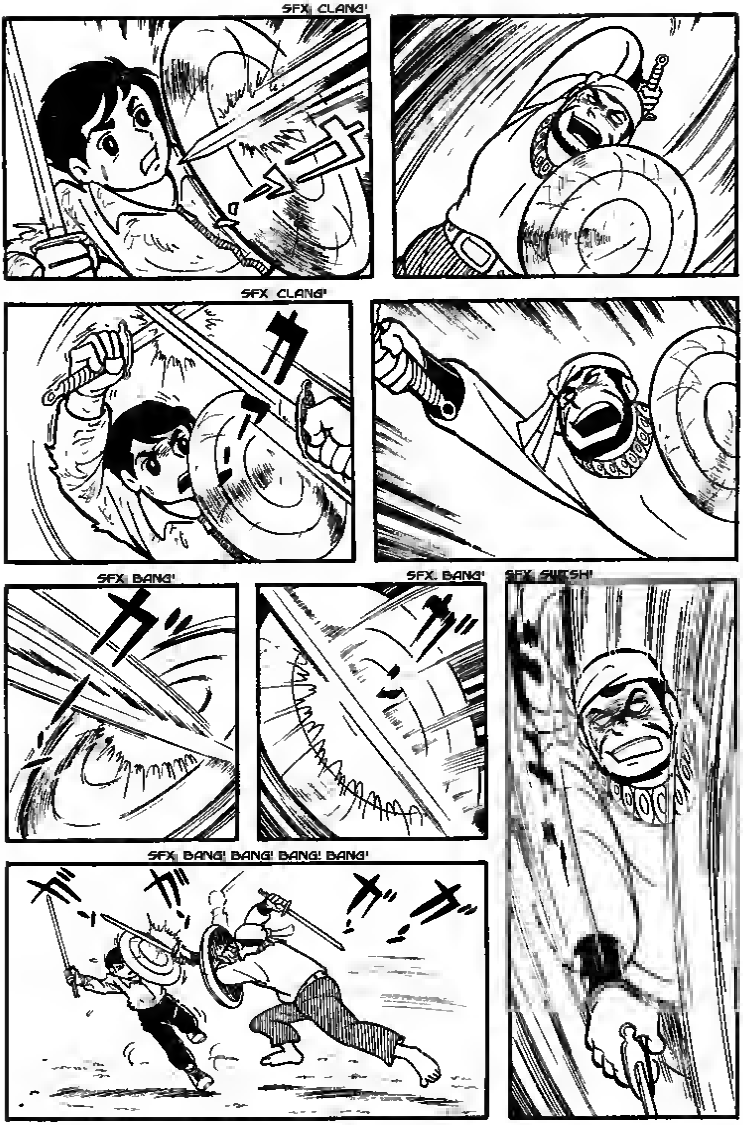
I didn't come to fight! I just came to talk!
Pick that up and fight!
My subjects are fierce and gallant!

He who dies in battle is not worthy of my friendship!
I shall listen to your words and answer your questions only if you survive!
SFX. OHHHHH! OHHHHH! OHHHHH!
SFX. OHHHHH!


SFX: CLANG!
SFX: CLANG!
SFX: BANG!
SFX: BANG!
SFX: SWISH!
SFX: BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG!

SFX: CLANG!
Ahhh!
SFX. SWOOOSH!
SFX. YEAHHH! YEAHHH! YEAHHH! OHHHHH! YEAHHH! OHHHHH!
SFX: THUD!
SFX: SWOOOSH!

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SFX: CLATTER!
Huh?
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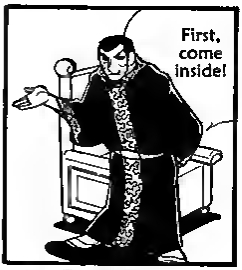
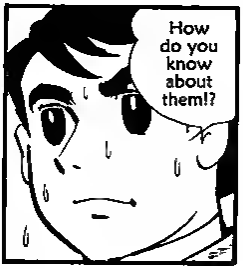
Ohhh!

RAAAAH!
RAAAAH!

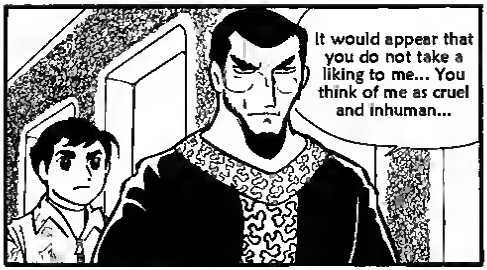
Babel III It would appear that your Three Servants are protecting you!

SILENCE!


First, come inside!

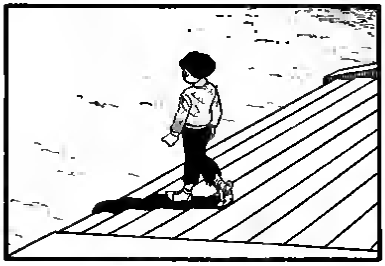

How do you know about them!?

You came to test me and see if I would be your most faithful companion or your fiercast enemy...
I need not even speak with you to know the reason of your visit!
There is no need for alarm. I have the power to read minds...
But when I had you fight my subject, and I saw your Three Servants protecting you, I knew you spoke truth!
When I first read your mind, I took you for a fool.
I possess many more splendorous powers! If we join forces, we could conquer the world in a day!
What say you? Will you make me your faithful companion?

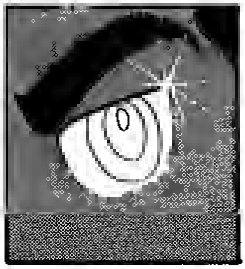

It would appear that you do not take a liking to me... You think of me as cruel and inhuman...

I haven't made my decision yet. I'll go back to the Tower and think it over before I give my reply...

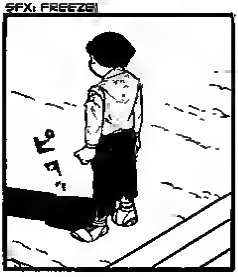
You will regret making an enemy of me, boy. You will know true terror...
So you will make an enemy of me?



Very well. As you wish.



SFX: FREEZE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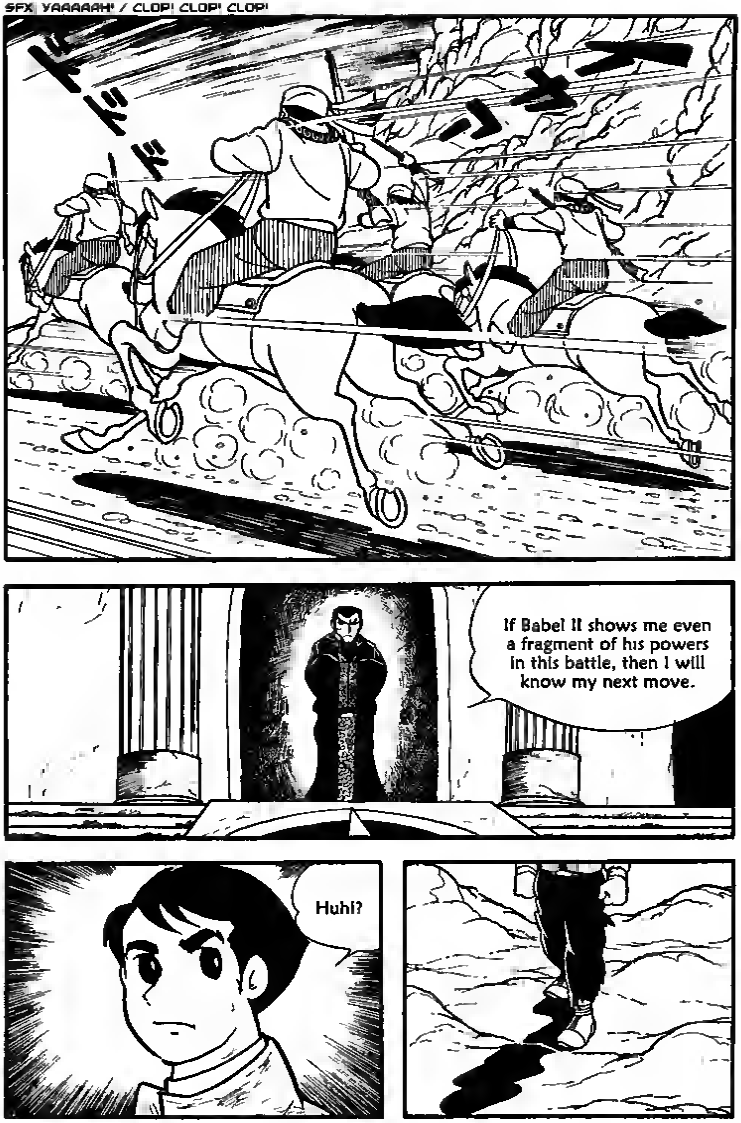
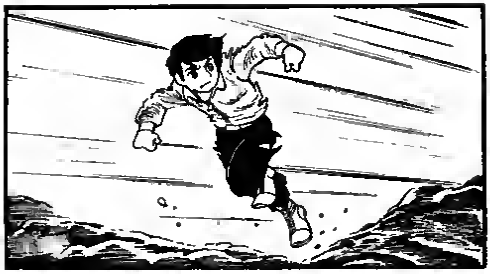
Those are the eyes of one who has determined to do battle with me!
Those eyes...!?
Ughhh!
He has chosen to challenge me and my omnipotent power!
He has forsaken my friendship and has chosen to be my enemy!

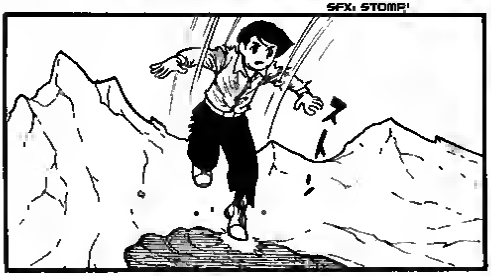
I only hesitate because I know not of his powers.
No. Since he has chosen to be my enemy, I must defeat him.
Lord Yomi! We cannot allow that boy to leave, correct?
But my lord! Have you not the power to read minds? Yet you still know not of his powers?
Yet...!?
Yet...
I tried to read his mind. And the simple parts I have read.
EVERY TIME I TRIED TO READ THE MOST VITAL PARTS, EVERYTHING BLURRED LIKE A MIST HAD DESCENDED...

BUT EVERY TIME I TRIED TO READ THAT, IT WOULD ALL SLIP AWAY FROM MY GRASP!
I TRIED TO LEARN OF THE POWER OF THE THREE SERVANTS, THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE TOWER OF BABEL, AND THE POTENCY OF THE 5000-YEAR-OLD DEVICES!
But if such is the case, then he has been hiding his powers from me when I had him brought by horseback and when I had him fight with the sword!
It could be that he has paranormal powers that inhibit my telepathy...
What shall we do, my lord?
He must be killed before he leaves the mountains!
That is what caused my hesitation!

We shall challenge him, Lord Yomi!
We must eliminate him before he returns to his fortress, the Tower of Babel! Otherwise he will stand before me as my greatest threat!
Yes, my lord!
Very well. You may challenge him. But fall back if you sense any danger


SFX: YAAAAAH! / CLOP! CLOP! CLOP!
If Babel II shows me even a fragment of his powers in this battle, then I will know my next move.
Huh!?




SFX: STOMP!

SFX: CLOP! CLOP! CLOP! CLOP! CLOP! CLOP! CLOP! CLOP!

SFX: CLICK!
There he is!
My only enemy is Yomi!
If you do, you will have to die!
Stop! You can't harbor any bloodlust towards me!
Yomi is our Lord, and his enemies are our enemies!
SFX: WHISTLE! / TEAR!
SFX: KA-BAM!

SFX: TREMBLE!
Huh!?
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What a fool.
My next shot will put a hole through your heart!
Uwahhh!
SFX: TREMBLE! TREMBLE!
Wahhh!
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SFX: WAHHH! / NEEEIGH!
H-Help!
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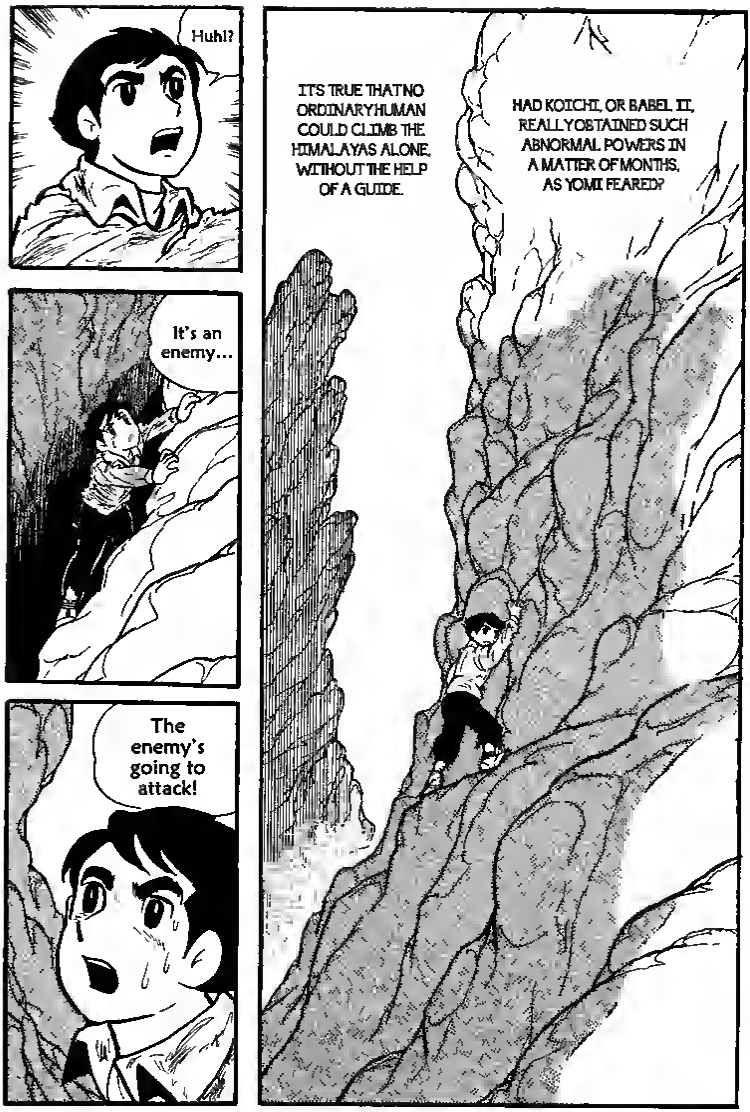
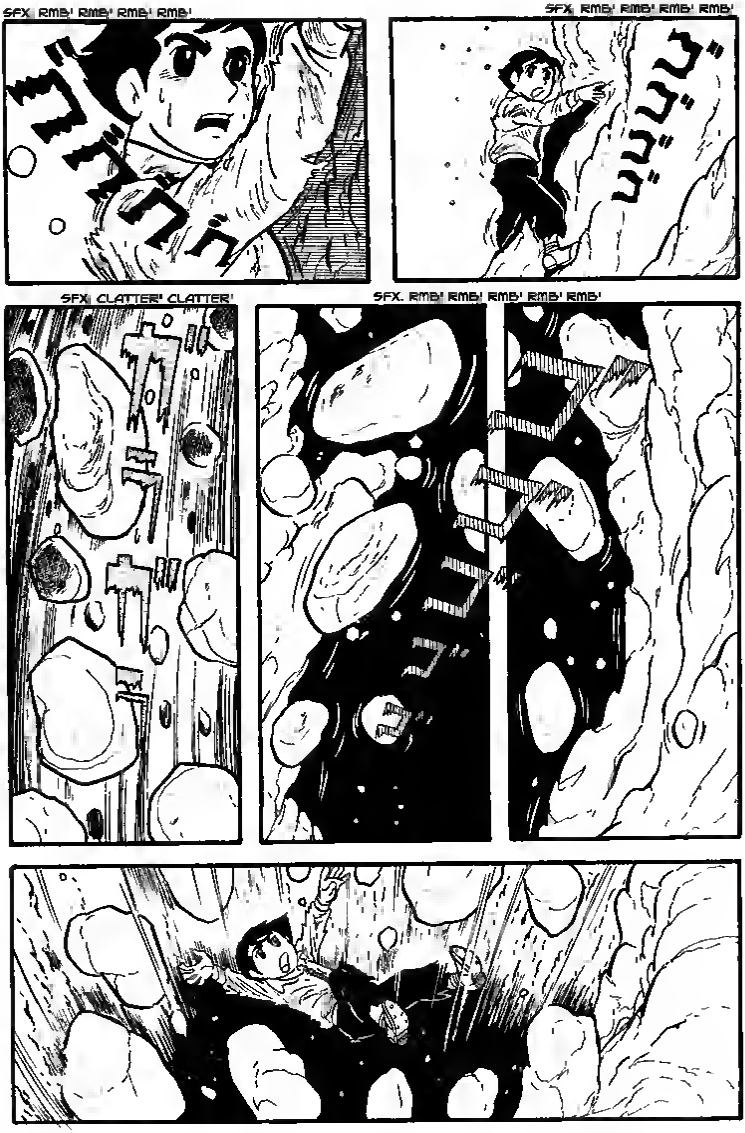
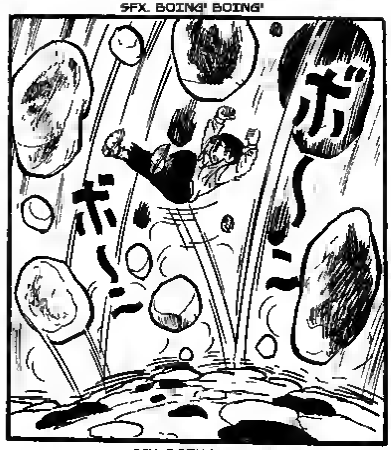
SFX: FREEZE!

T-That w-was clearly the work of a devil!
Y... Yes, my lord!
What!? Tha pursuers died in an instant, man and horsa eiike?
I-I should have known...
Whatever the case, he is a foe beyond all of you! I shall call on the aid of Gorlki!
Was it the doing of his Servants...
Or was it his paranormal abilities!?

Destroy the enemy by your power, and bring us glory!
O Goriki! A mighty enemy has stood before us!
SFX: OHHHHH! OHHHHH! OHHHHH! OHHHHH!


Huh!?
It's an enemy...
The enemy's going to attack!
IT'S TRUE THAT NO ORDINARY HUMAN COULD CLIMB THE HIMALAYAS ALONE, WITHOUT THE HELP OF A GUIDE.
HAD KOICHI, OR BABEL II, REALLY OBTAINED SUCH ABNORMAL POWERS IN A MATTER OF MONTHS, AS YOMI FEARED?


SFX: RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!
SFX: RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!
SFX: CLATTER! CLATTER!
SFX: RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!


SFX: BOING! BOING!
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SFX: BOING! BOING!
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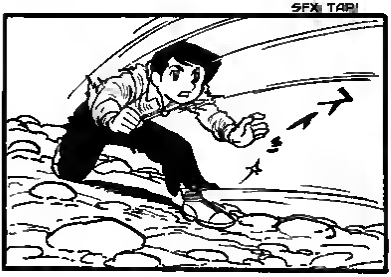
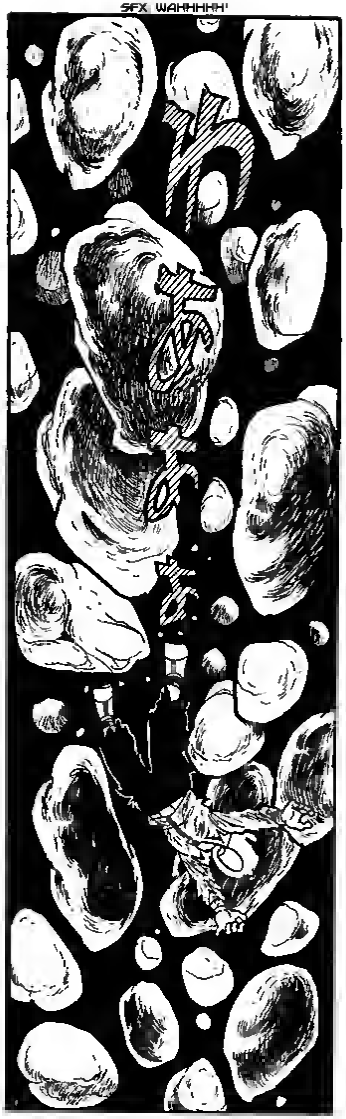
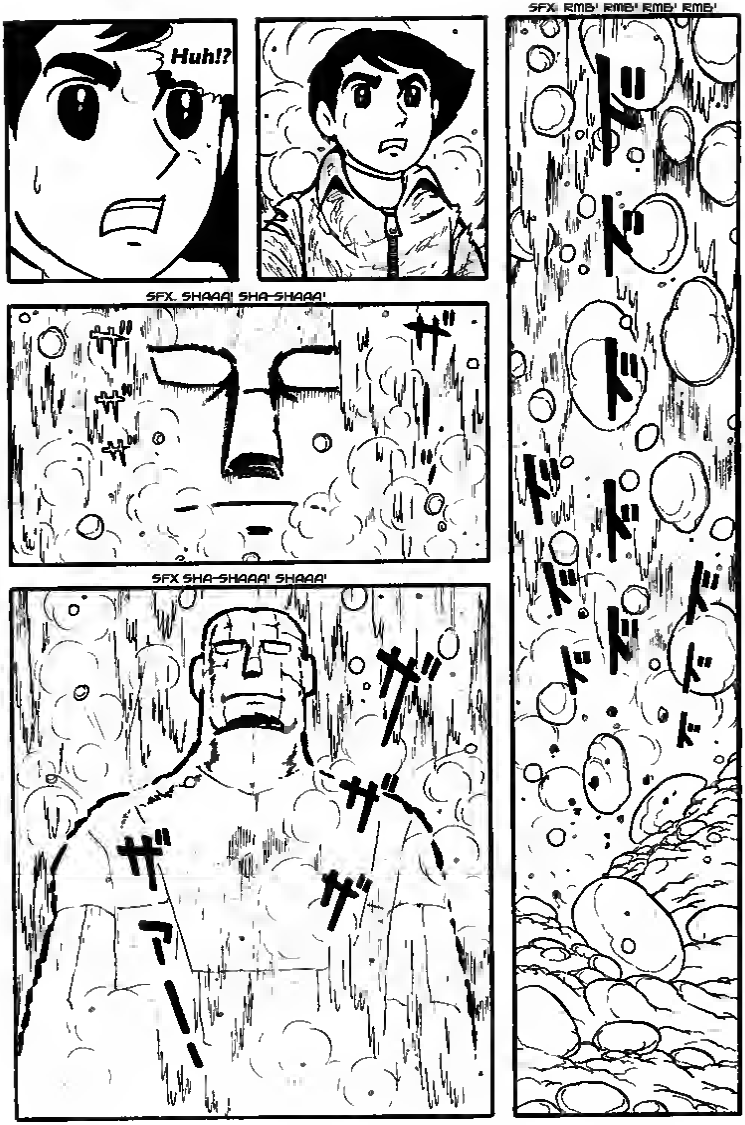
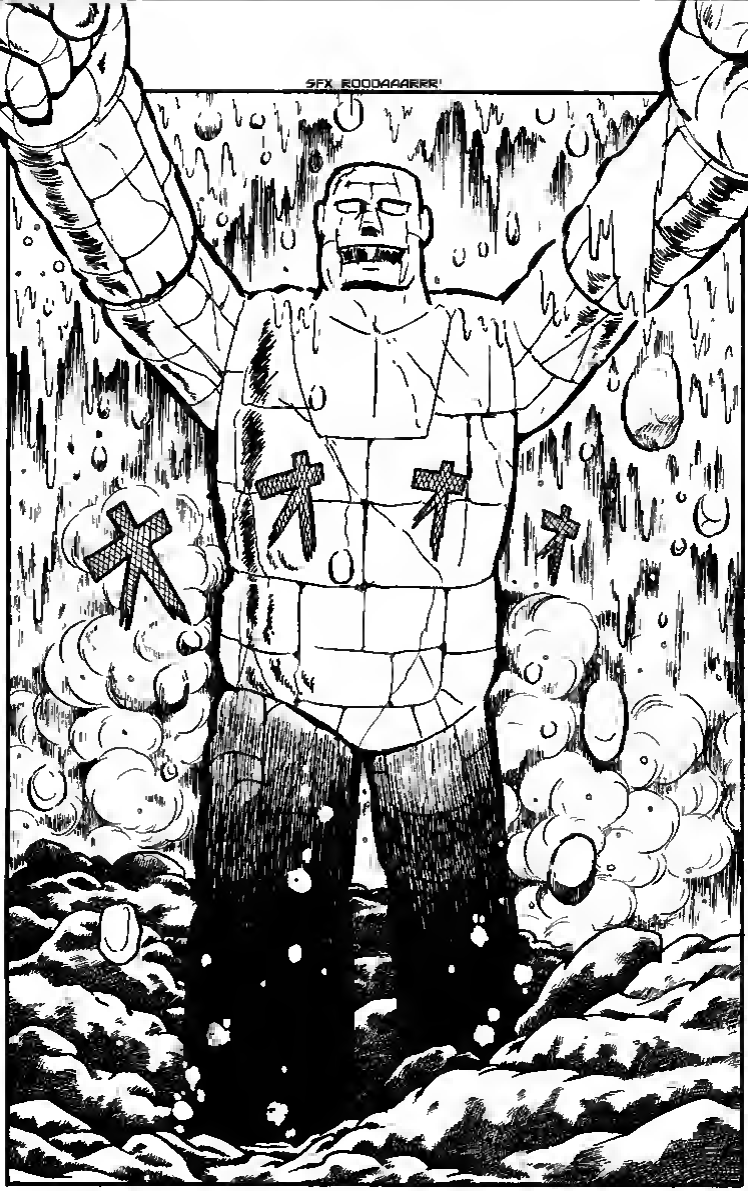

SFX: TAP!


SFX: WAHHHHH!


Huh!?
SFX. SHAAA! SHA-SHAAA!
SFX SHA-SHAAA! SHAAA!
SFX. RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!


SFX: ROODAAAARRR!
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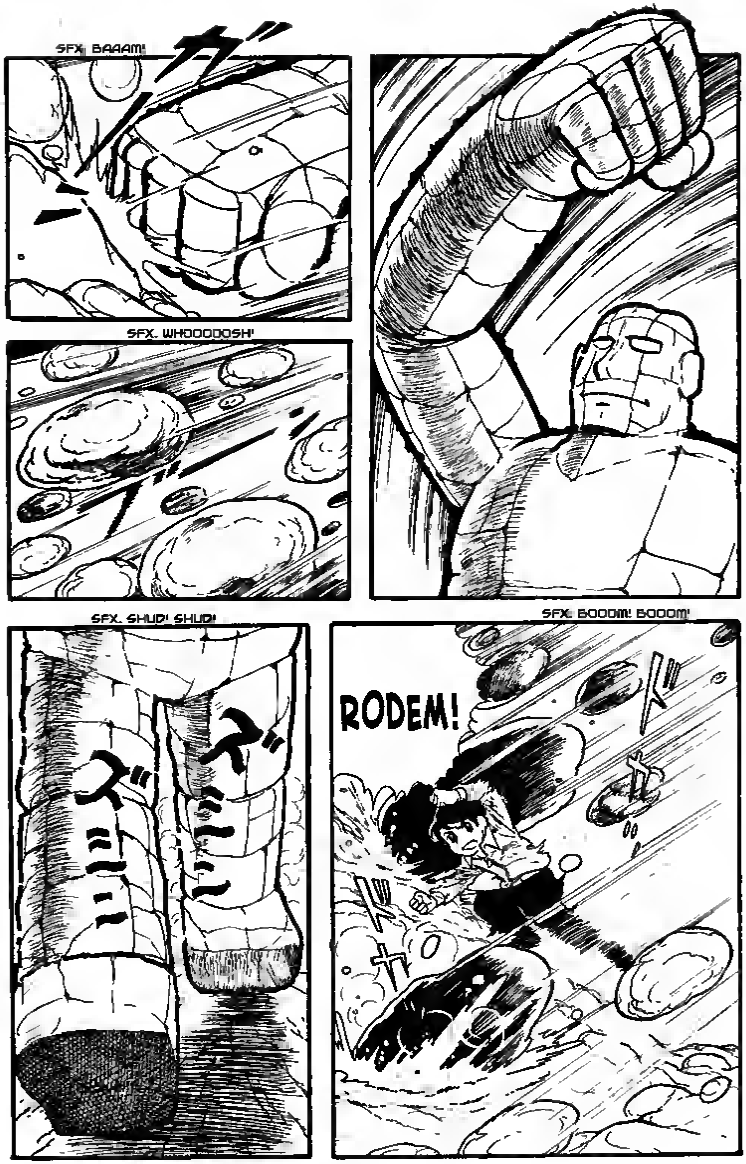
SFX. BAAAM!!
SFX. WHOOOOOSH!
SFX. SHUD! SHUD!
SFX. BOOOM! BOOOM!
RODEM!

SFX: SLITHER! SLITHER!
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SFX: ROOOAAARRR!
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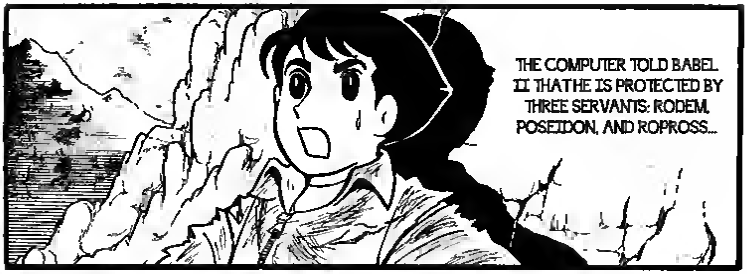
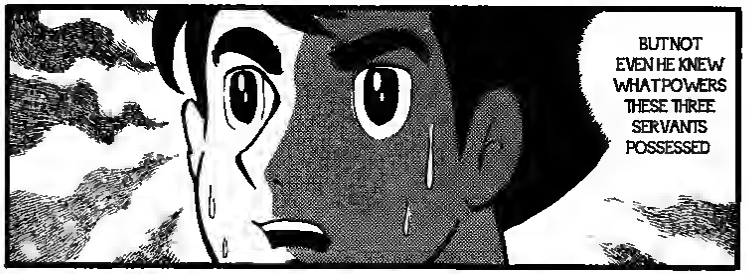
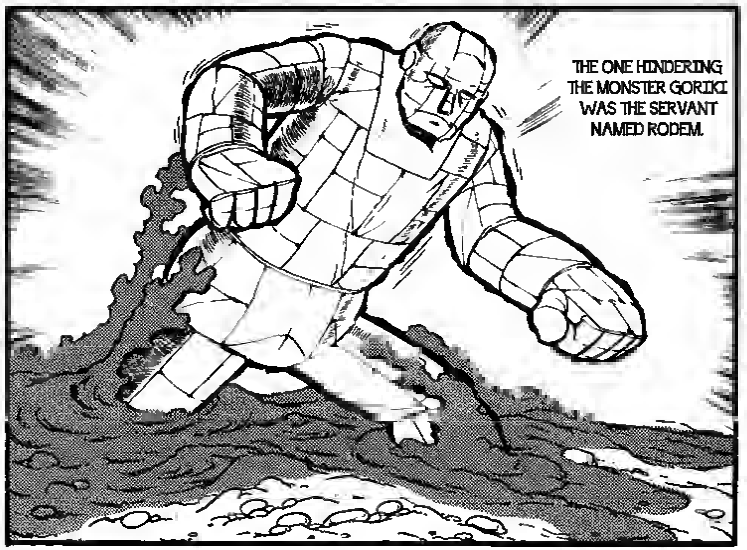
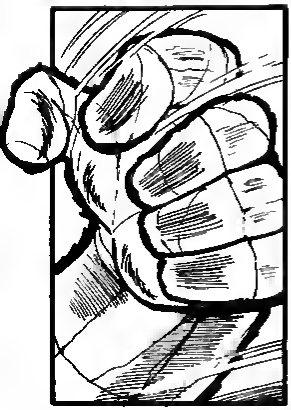

THE COMPUTER TOLD BABEL II THAT HE IS PROTECTED BY THREE SERVANTS: RODEM, POSEIDON, AND ROPROSS...


BUT NOT EVEN HE KNEW WHAT POWERS THESE THREE SERVANTS POSSESSED


THE ONE HINDERING THE MONSTER GORIKI WAS THE SERVANT NAMED RODEM.

ROOOAAARRR!



SFX: SLITHER! SLITHER!
RODEM POSSESSED A BODY SOFT AS RUBBER AND CAMOUFLAGE, AND COULD TAKE ON ANY SHAPE HE DESIRED. AND HE MOVED SO FAST THAT HE HAD COILED HIMSELF AROUND GORIKI IN SECONDS!
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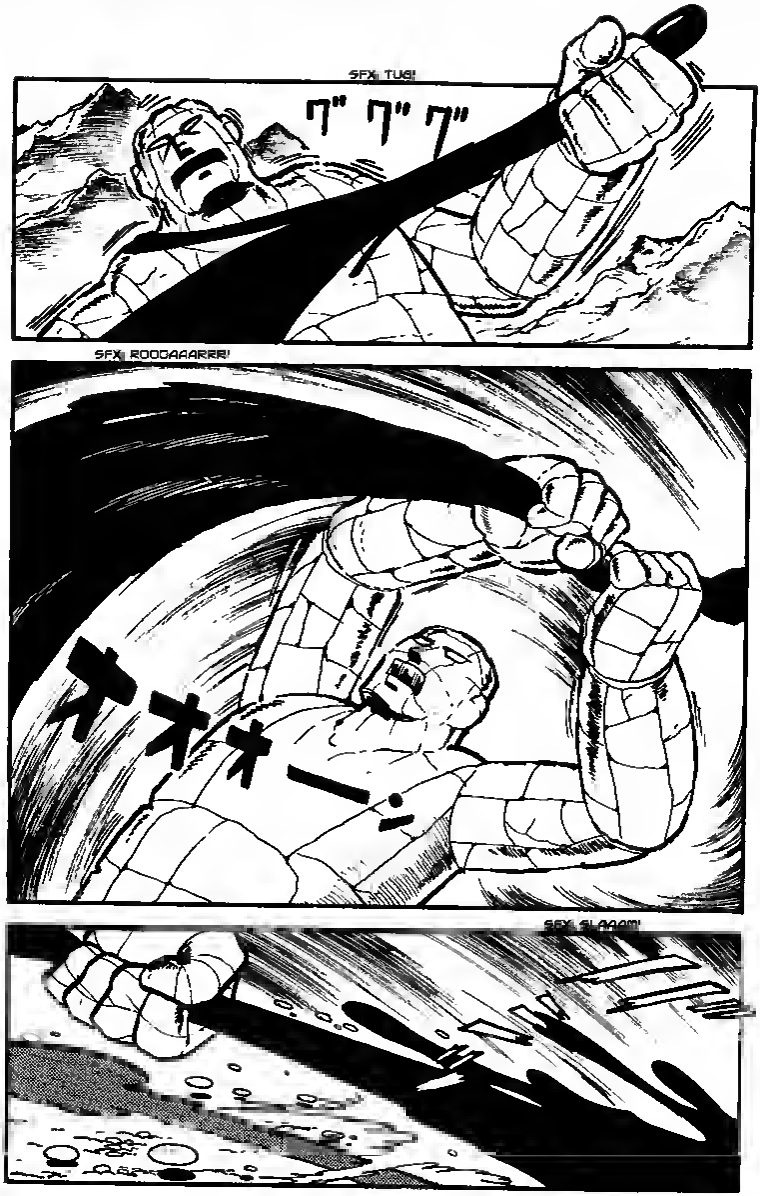
SFX: TUG!
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SFX: ROOOAAARRR!
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SFX: SLAAAM!

SFX: BAAAM!
SFX: ROOOAAARRR!
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Ohhh ...?

SFX: ROOOAAARRR!
SFX: STARE!
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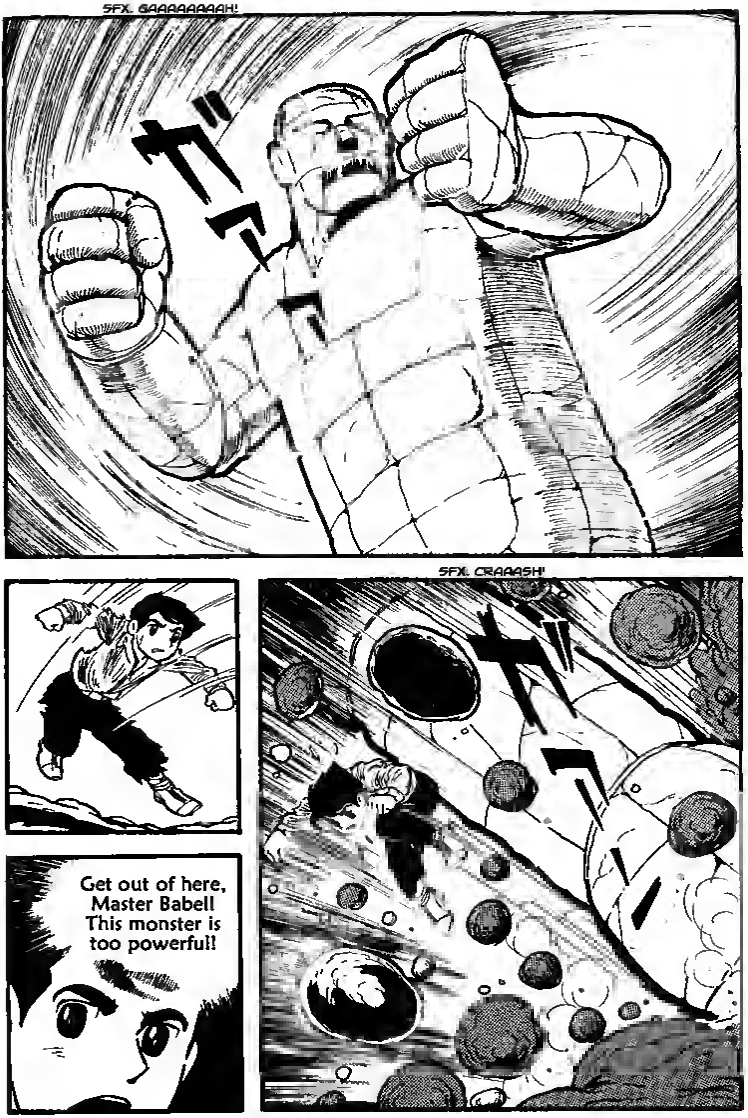
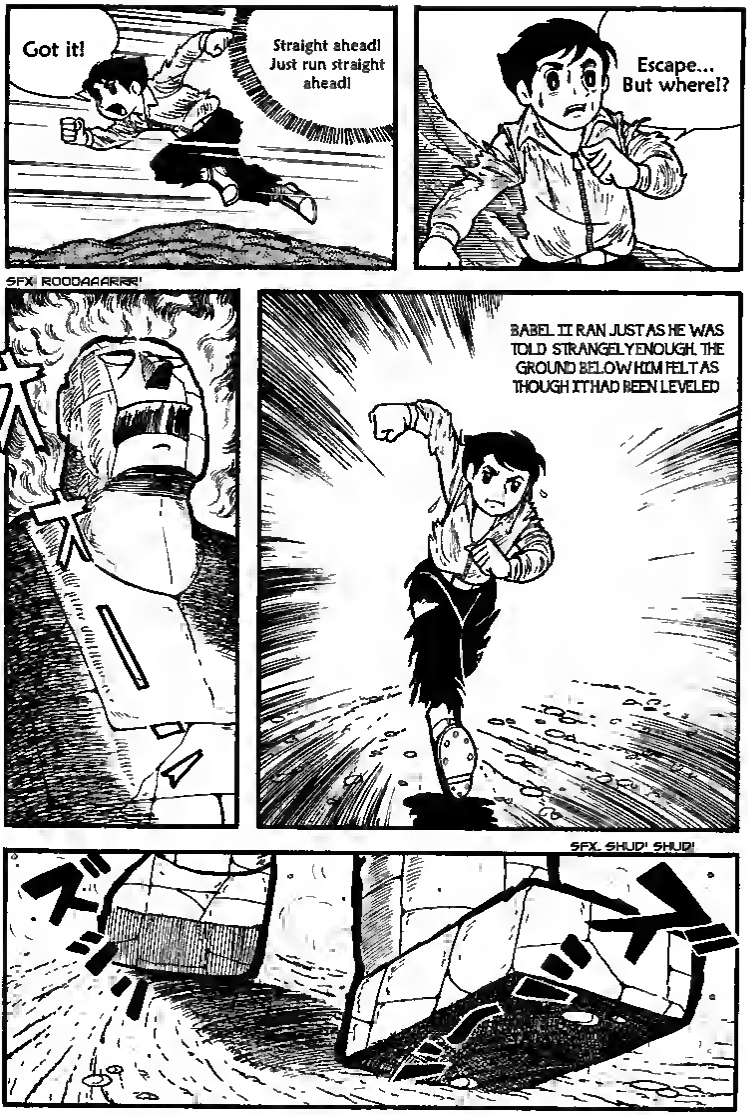
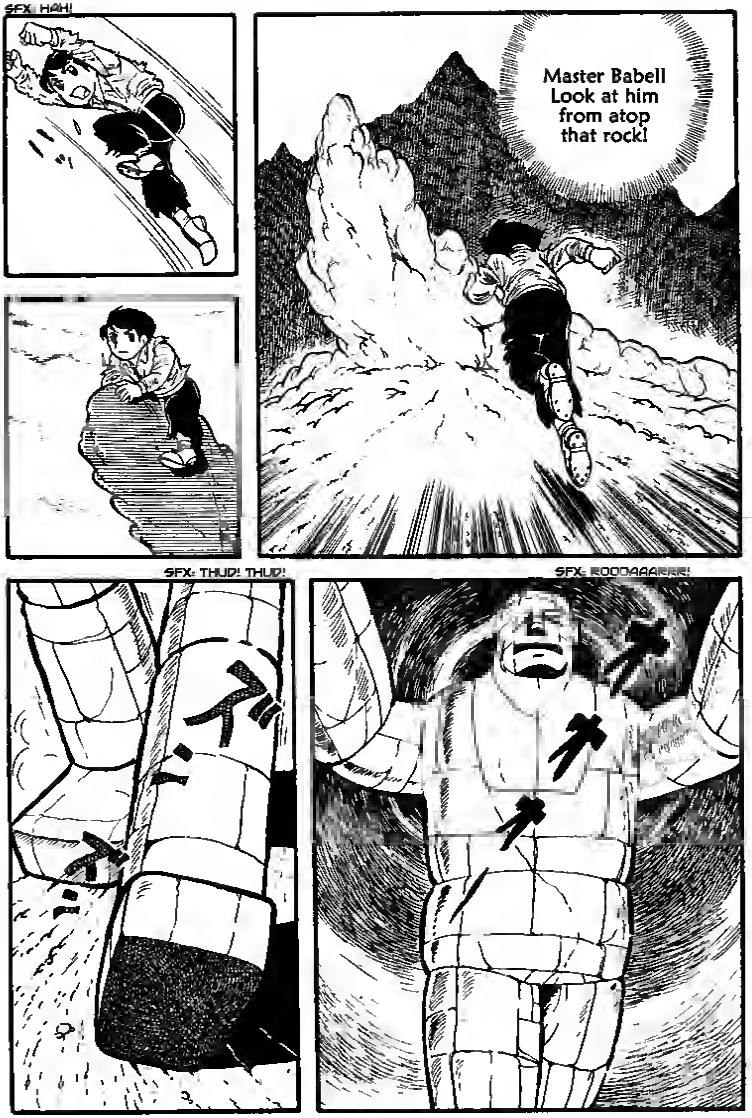

SFX: GAAAAAAAAH!
SFX: CRAAASH!
Get out of here, Master Babel! This monster is too powerful!


Got it!
Straight ahead! Just run straight ahead!
Escape... But where!?
SFX: ROODAAARRR!
BABEL II RAN JUST AS HE WAS TOLD. STRANGELY ENOUGH, THE GROUND BELOW HIM FELT AS THOUGH IT HAD BEEN LEVELED
SFX. SHUD! SHUD!


SFX: HAH!
Master Babell Look at him from atop that rock!
SFX: THUD! THUD!
SFX: ROOOAAARRR!

SFX THUUUD! THUUUD!
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SFX SINK!
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SFX DRAAAG!
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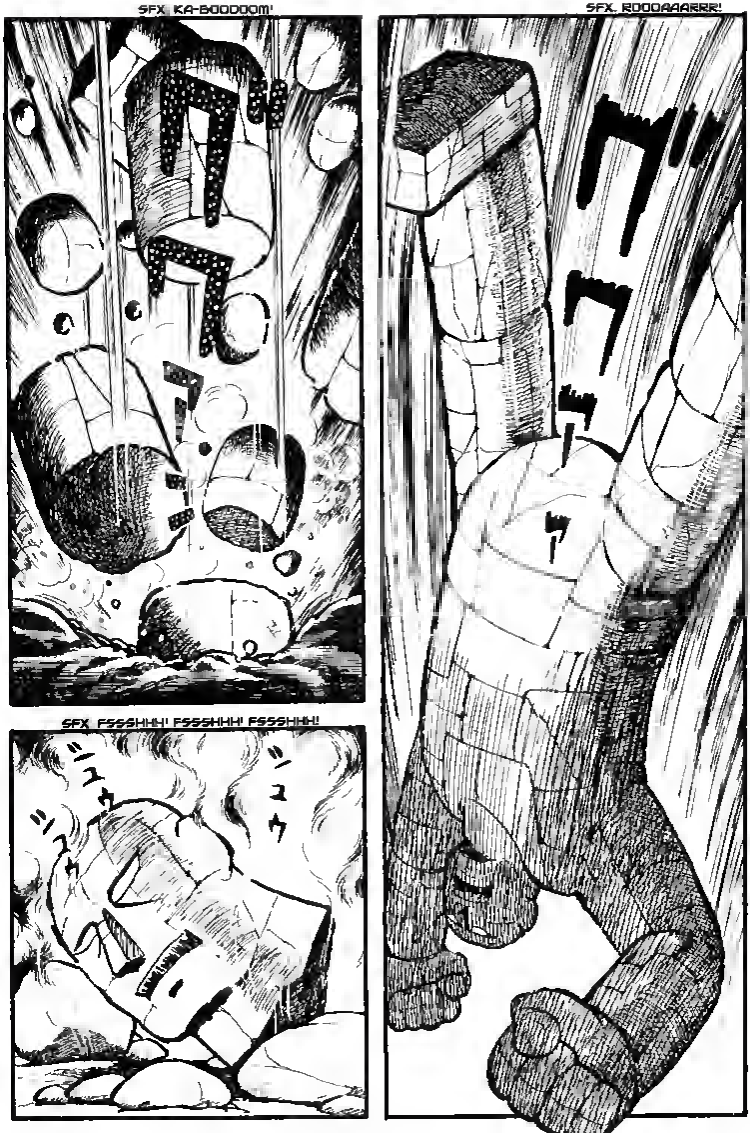
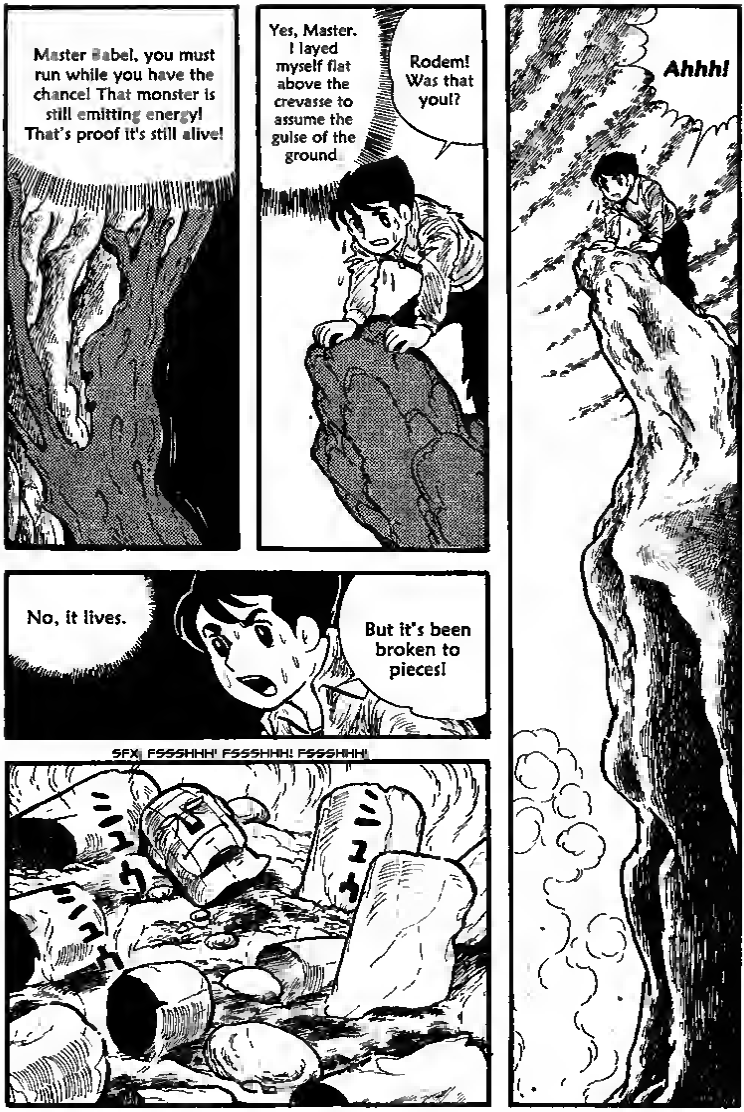
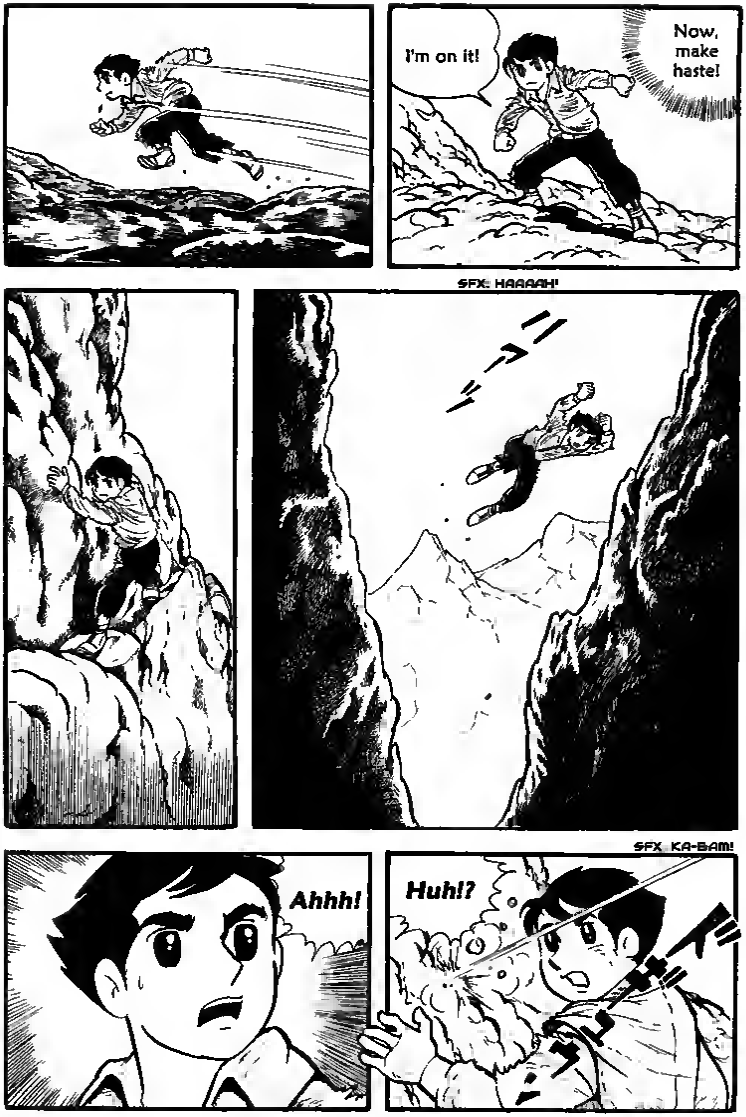
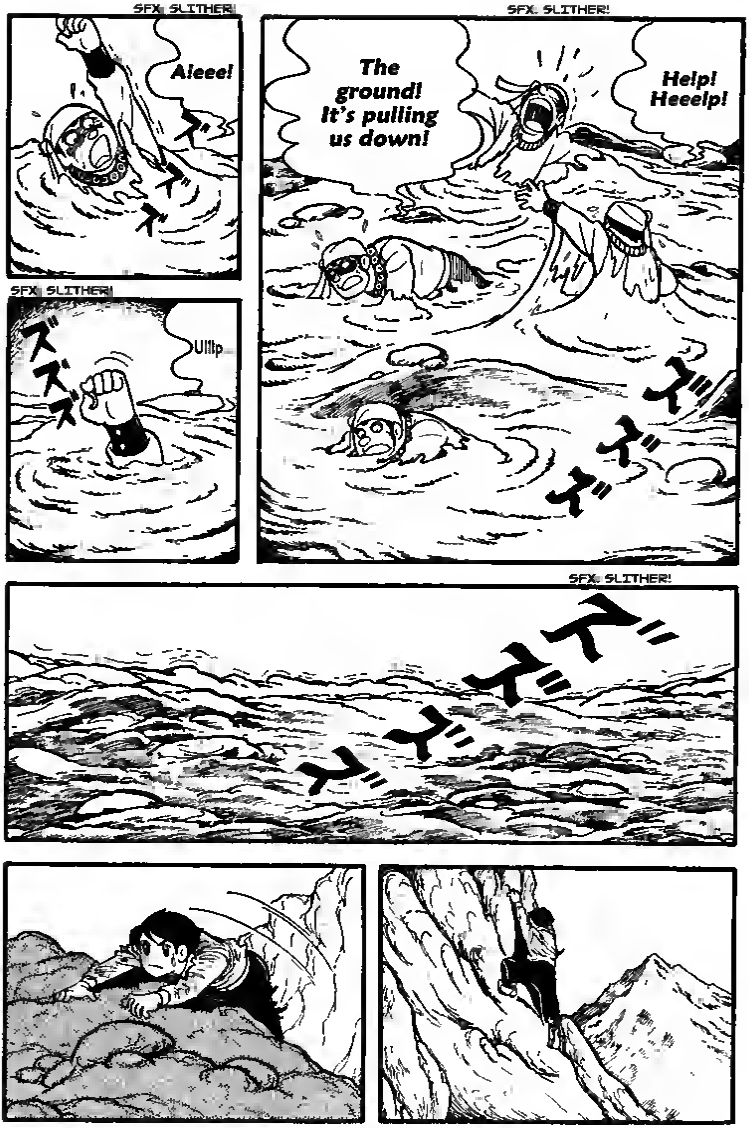
SFX: SLIP! / ROODAAARRR!


SFX. KA-BOOOOOM!
SFX. RDOOAAARRR!
SFX. FSSSHHH! FSSSHHH! FSSSHHH!!


Master Babel, you must run while you have the chance! That monster is still emitting energy! That's proof it's still alive!
Yes, Master. I layed myself flat above the crevasse to assume the guise of the ground.
Rodem! Was that you!?
Ahhh!
No, it lives.
But it's been broken to pieces!
SFX: FSSSHHH! FSSSHHH! FSSSHHH!


I'm on it!
Now, make haste!
SFX: HAAAAH!
SFX: KA-BAM!
Ahhh!
Huh!?

He's not moving! Shoot him down!
Babel III You won't be leaving this mountain alive!
Fear not, Master Babel! Press on! I shall deal with them!
SFX: SLITHER!
SFX: SLITHER! SLITHER!
SFX: SLITHER!
Wahhh!
SFX: SLITHER!
Huh!?


SFX: SLITHER!
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SFX: SLITHER!
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Ulllp
SFX: SLITHER!
The ground! It's pulling us down!
Help! Heeelp!
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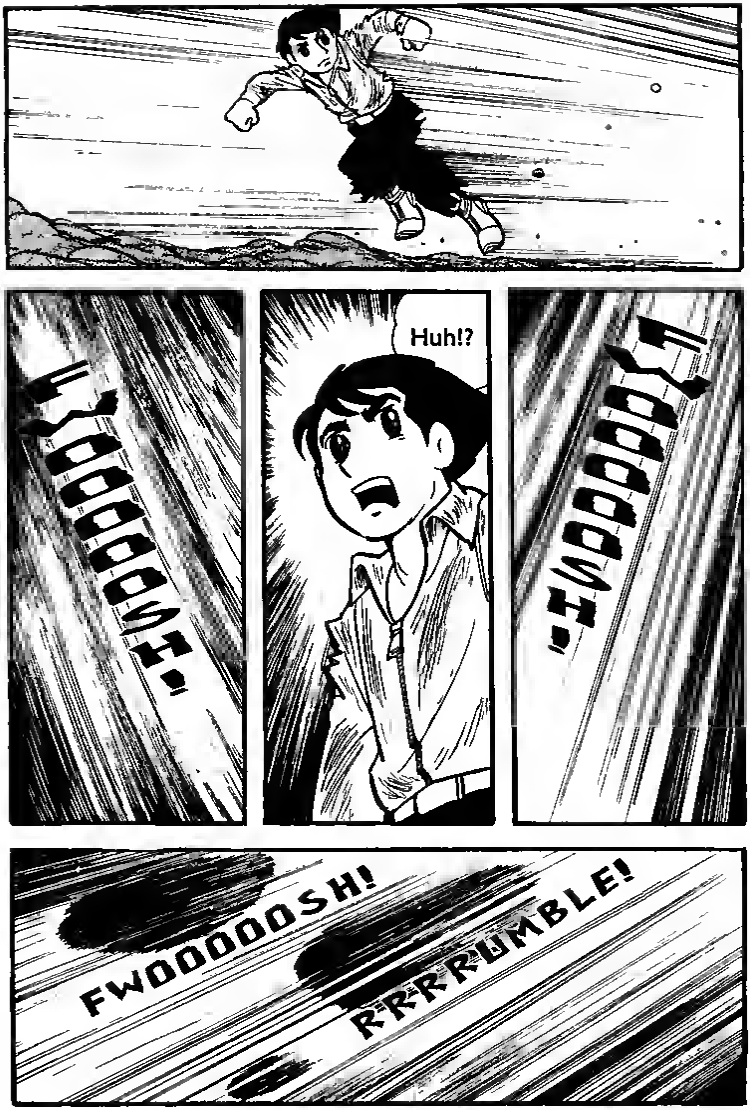
Huh!?
FWOOOOOSH!
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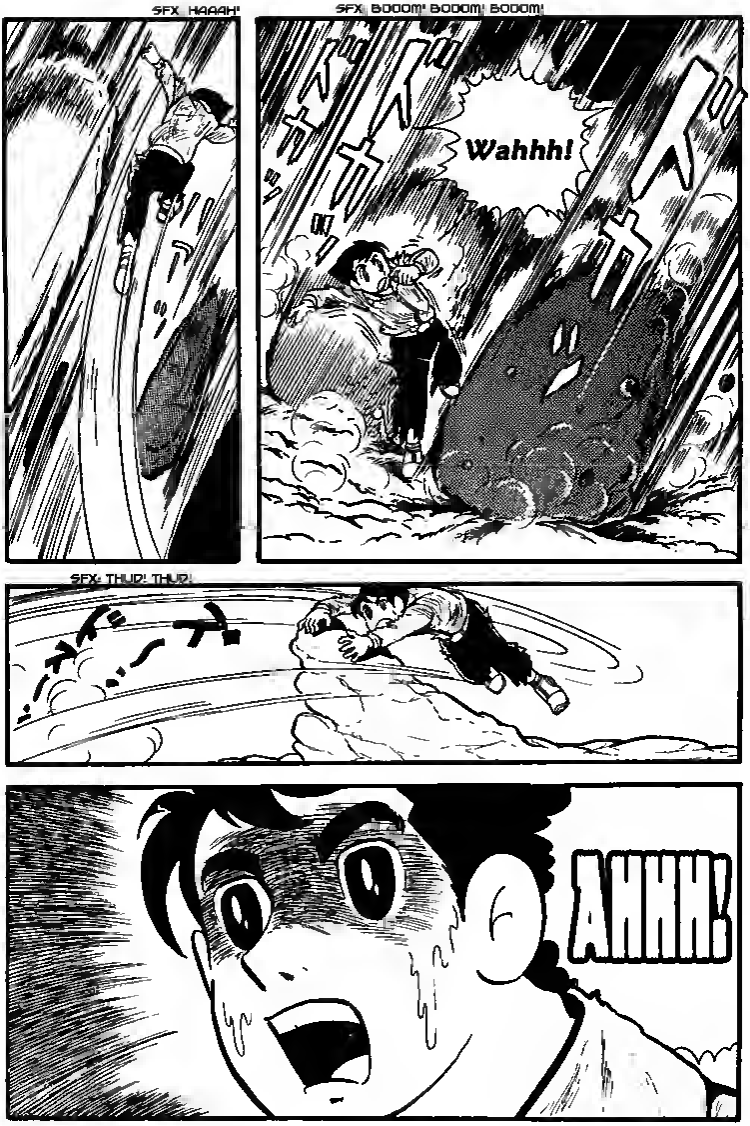
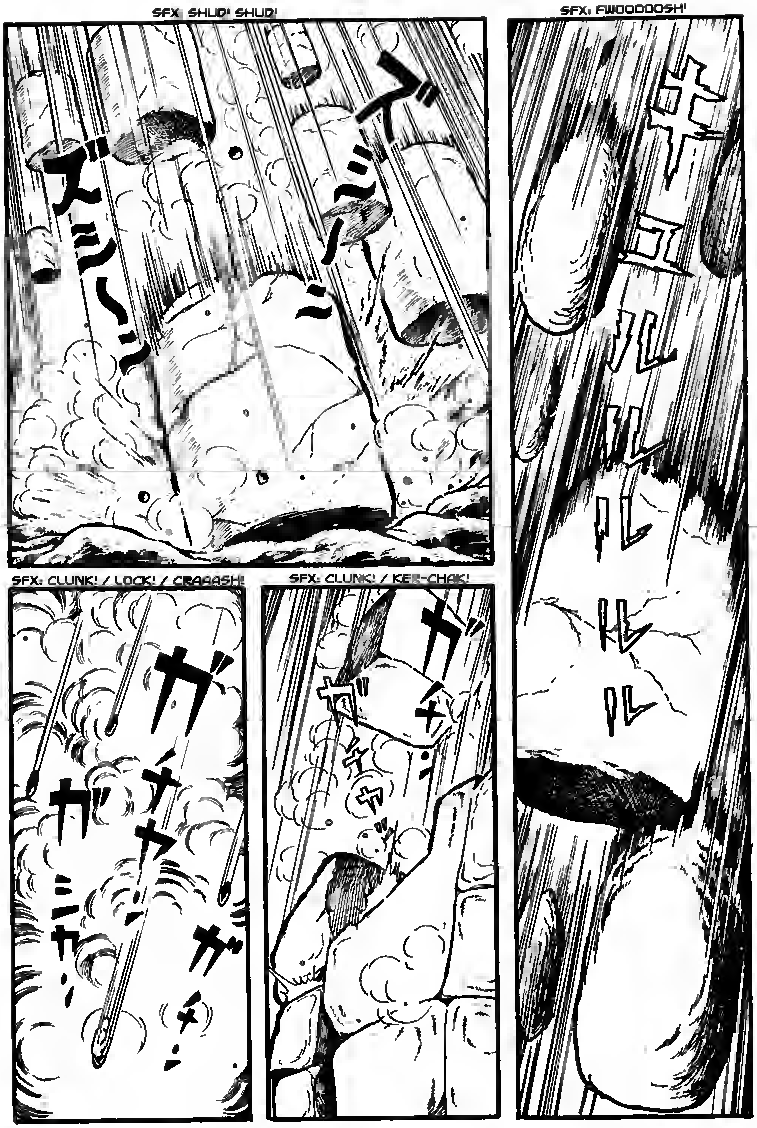
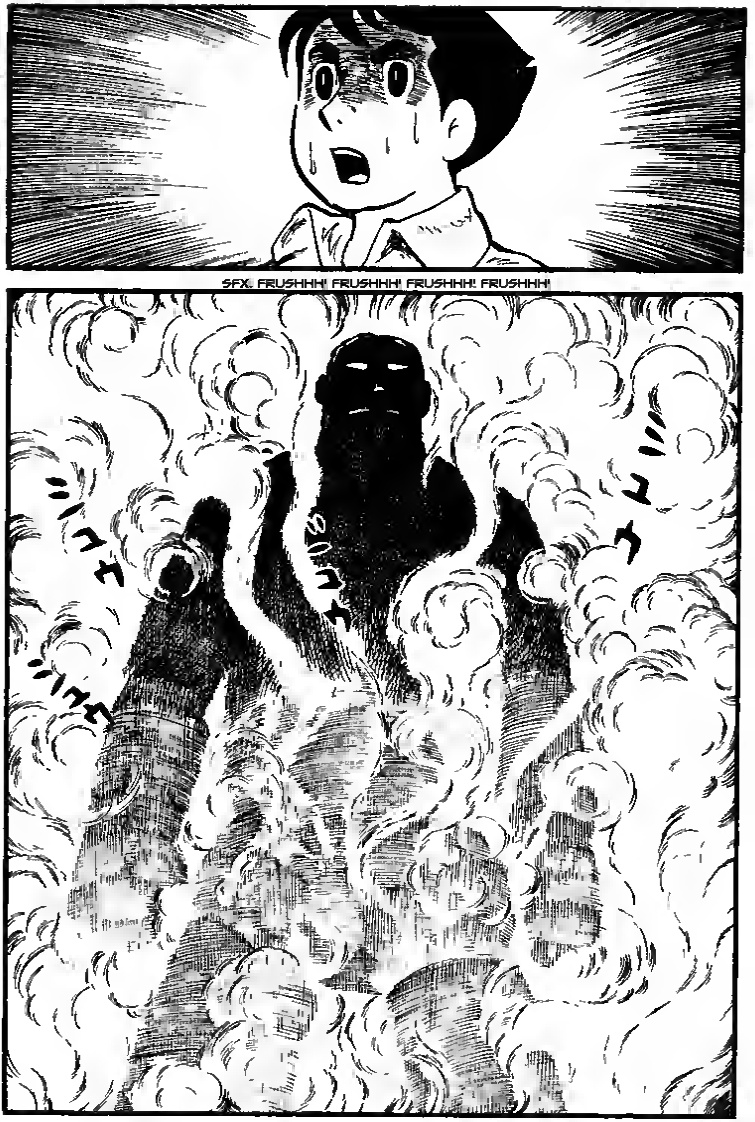
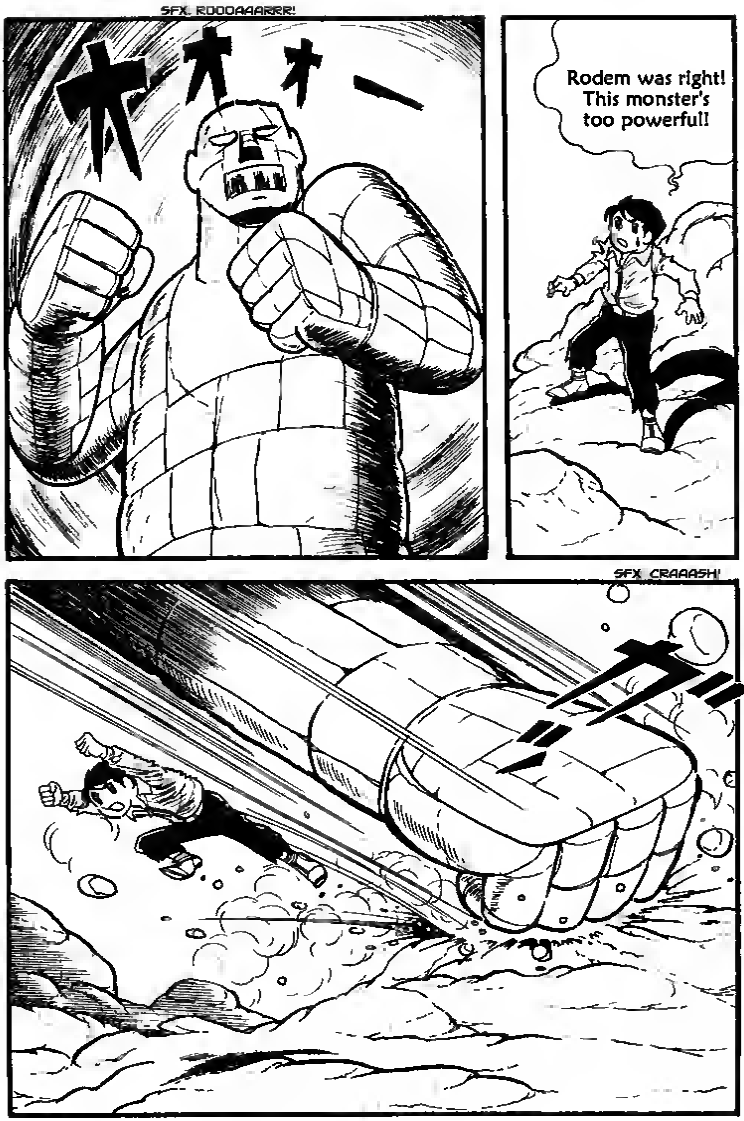
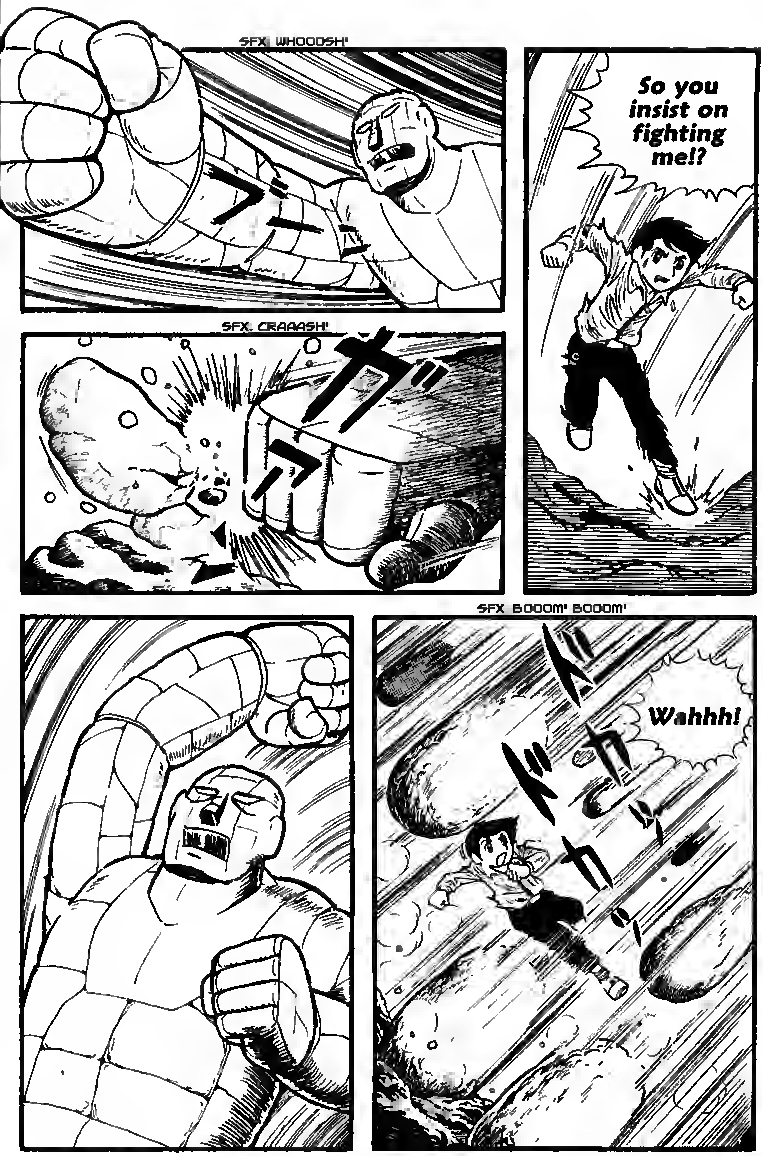
RRRRUMBLE!

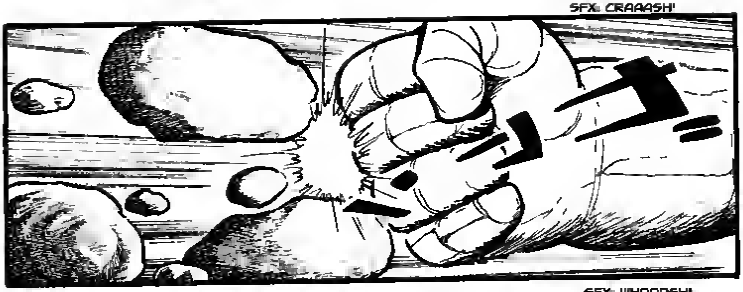

SFX: HAAAH!
SFX: BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!
Wahhh!
SFX: THUD! THUD!
AHHH!

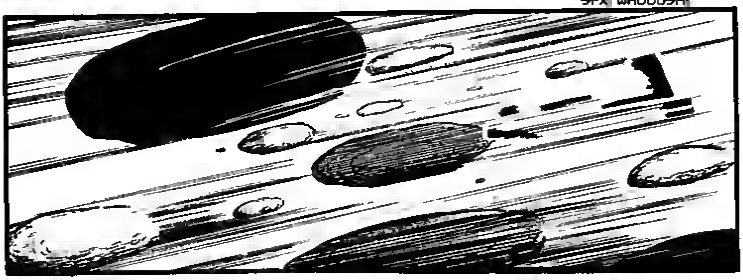

SFX: SHUD! SHUD!
SFX: FWOOOOOSH!
SFX: CLUNK! / LOCK! / CRABASH!
SFX: CLUNK! / KER-CHAK!

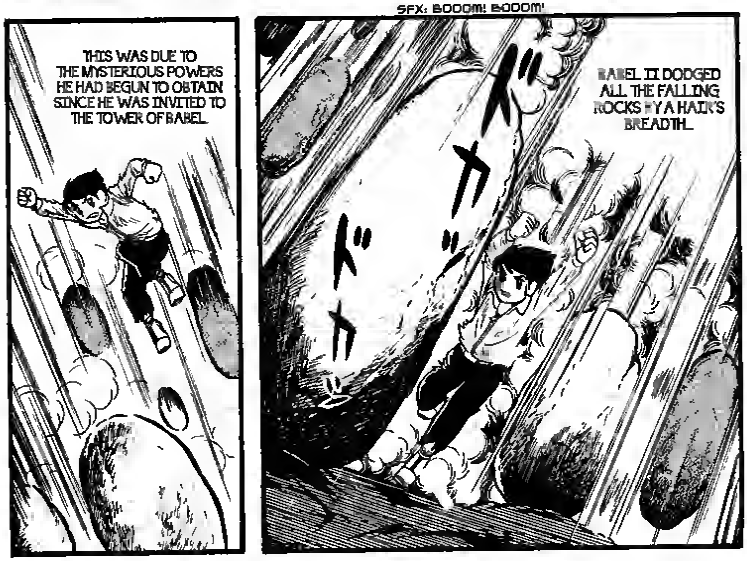

SFX. FRUSHHH! FRUSHHH! FRUSHHH! FRUSHHH!

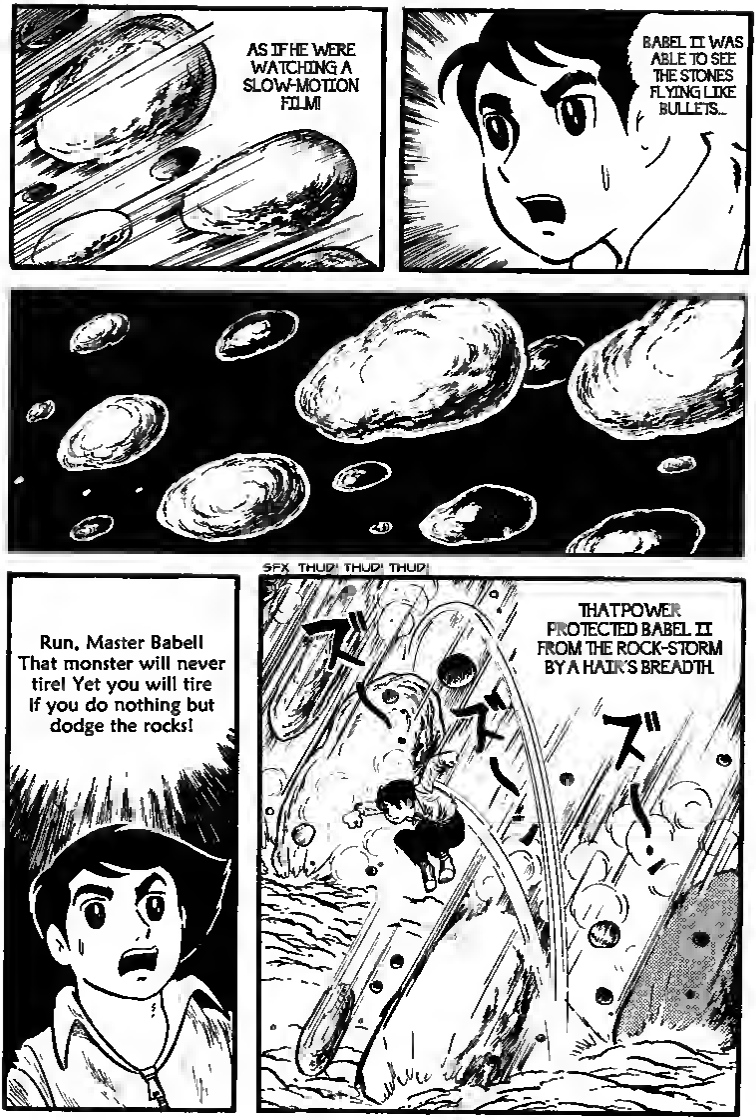

SFX. RDOOAAARRR!
Rodem was right! This monster's too powerful!
SFX. CRAAASH!


SFX. WHOOOSH!
So you insist on fighting me!?
SFX. CRAAASH!
SFX. BOOOM! BOOOM!
Wahhh!


SFX: CRAAASH!


SFX: WHOOOSH!


SFX: BOOOM! BOOOM!
THIS WAS DUE TO THE MYSTERIOUS POWERS HE HAD BEGUN TO OBTAIN SINCE HE WAS INVITED TO THE TOWER OF BABEL.
BABEL II DODGED ALL THE FALLING ROCKS BY A HAIR'S BREADTH.


AS IF HE WERE WATCHING A SLOW-MOTION FILM!
BABEL II WAS ABLE TO SEE THE STONES FLYING LIKE BULLETS...
SFX: THUD! THUD! THUD!
Run, Master Babel! That monster will never tire! Yet you will tire if you do nothing but dodge the rocks!
THAT POWER PROTECTED BABEL II FROM THE ROCK-STORM BY A HAIR'S BREADTH.
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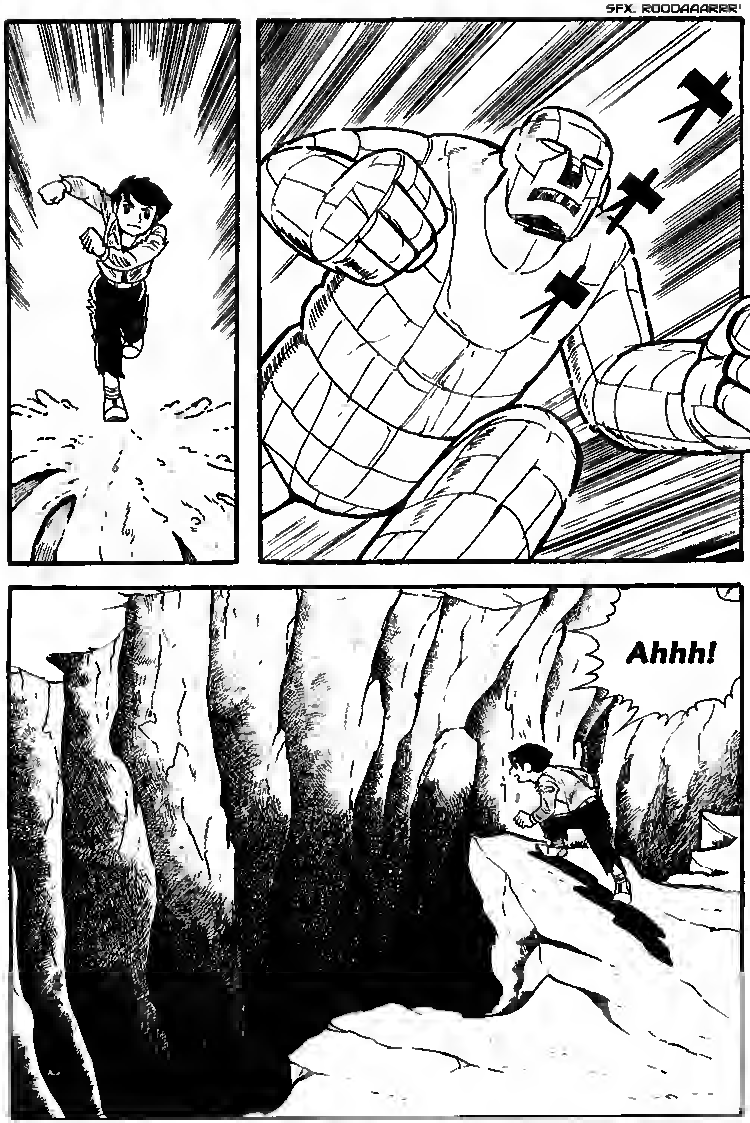
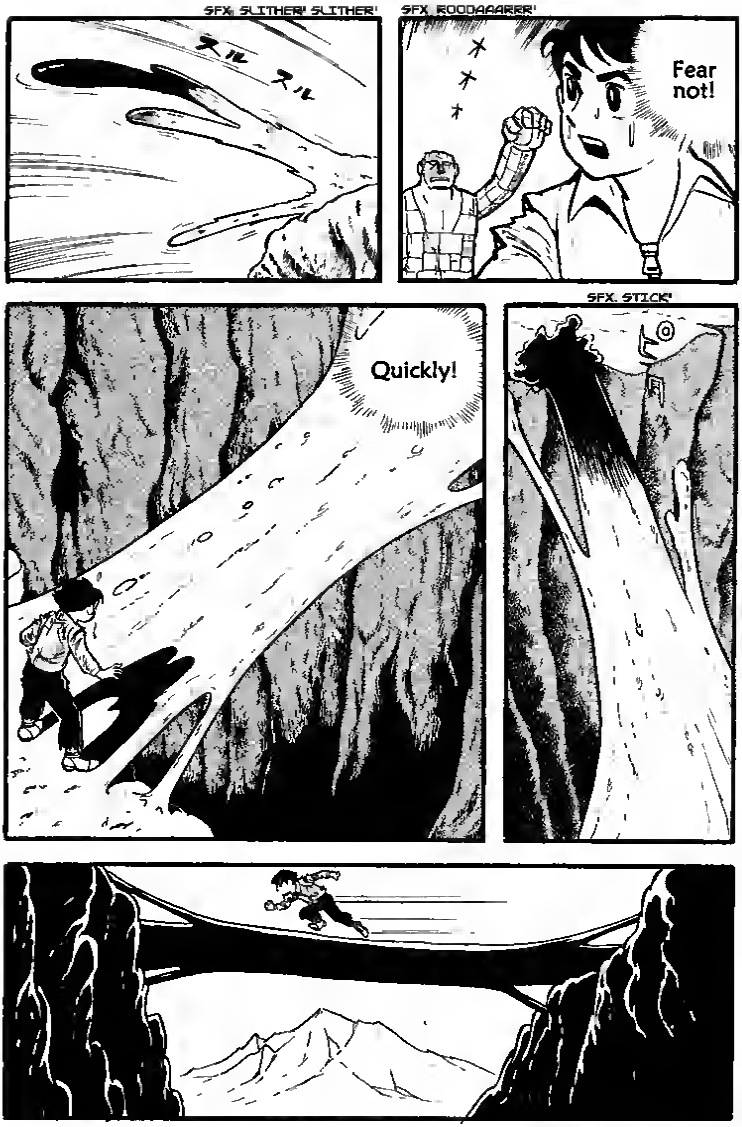
SFX: SLITHER!
I shall make you a path! Run where there is snow!
And if you tire, your movements will dull, and you will be crushed by the rocks!
SFX: SWISHHH!
I'll take your word for it, Rodem!
SFX: ROOOAAARR!


SFX: ROODAAARRR!
Ahhh!


SFX. SLITHER! SLITHER!
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SFX. ROODAAARRR!
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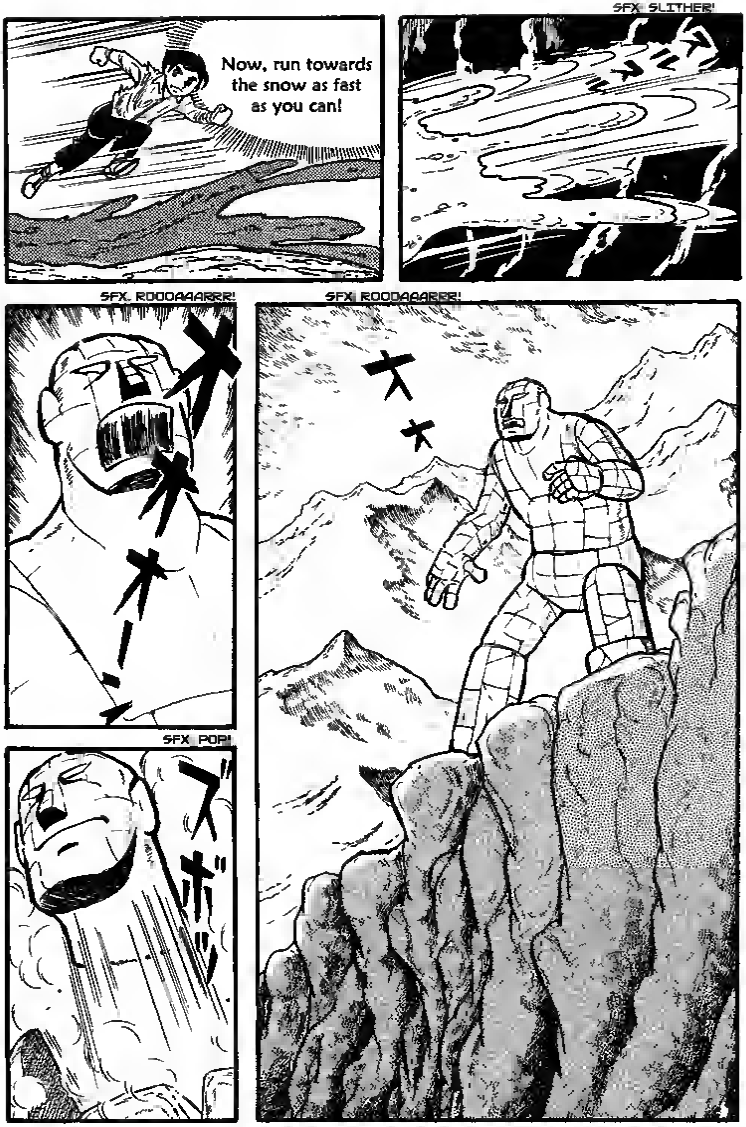
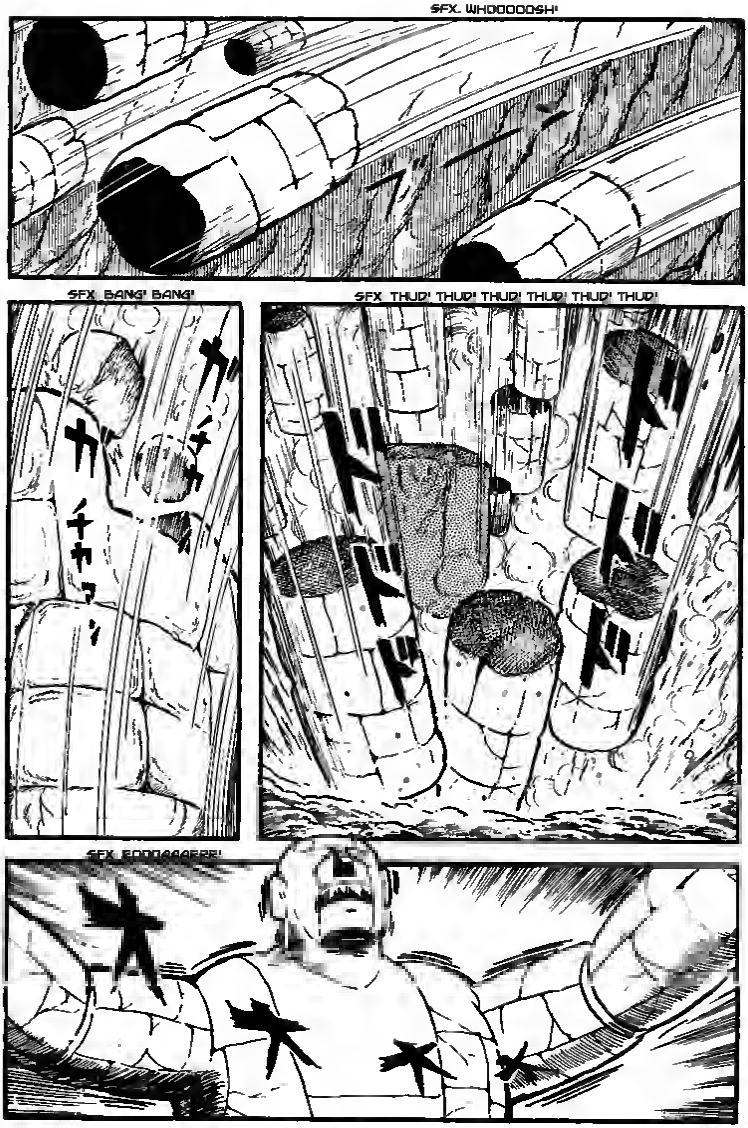
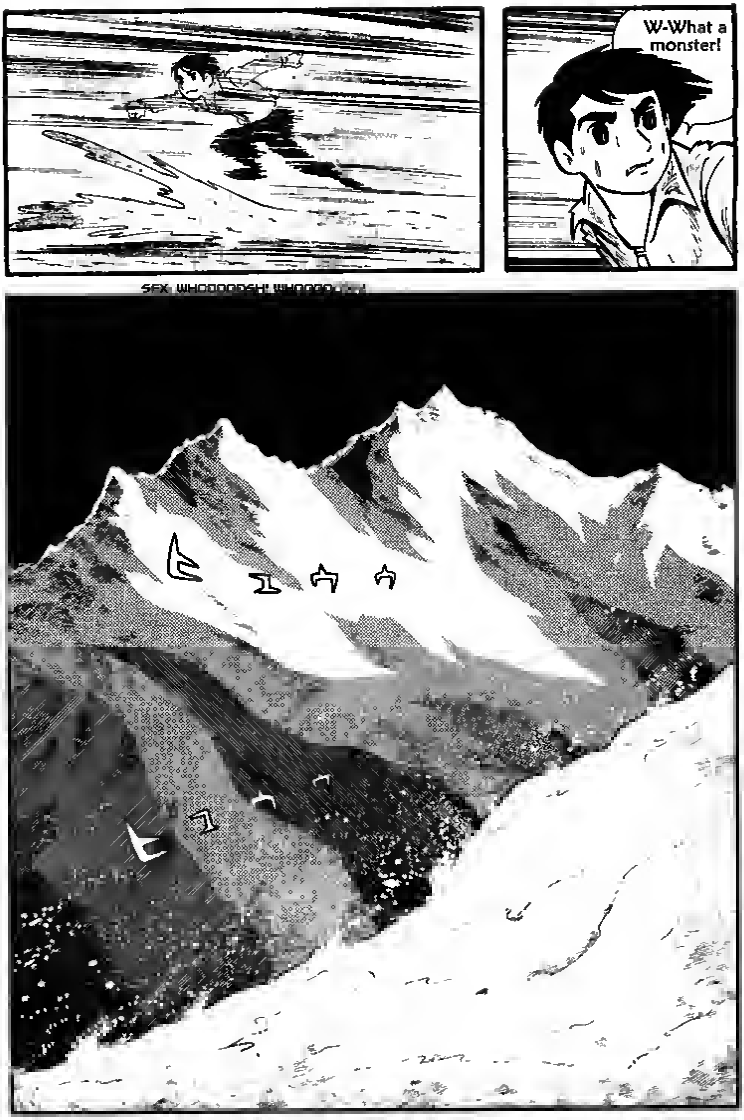
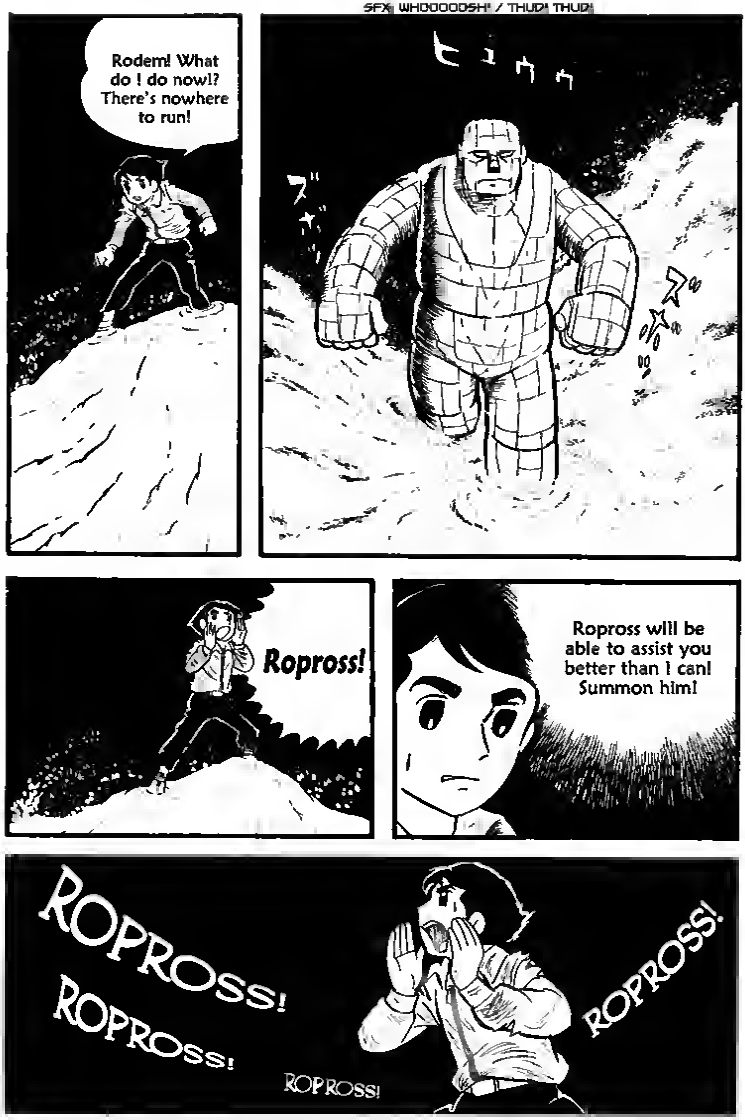
Fear not!
Quickly!
SFX. STICK!

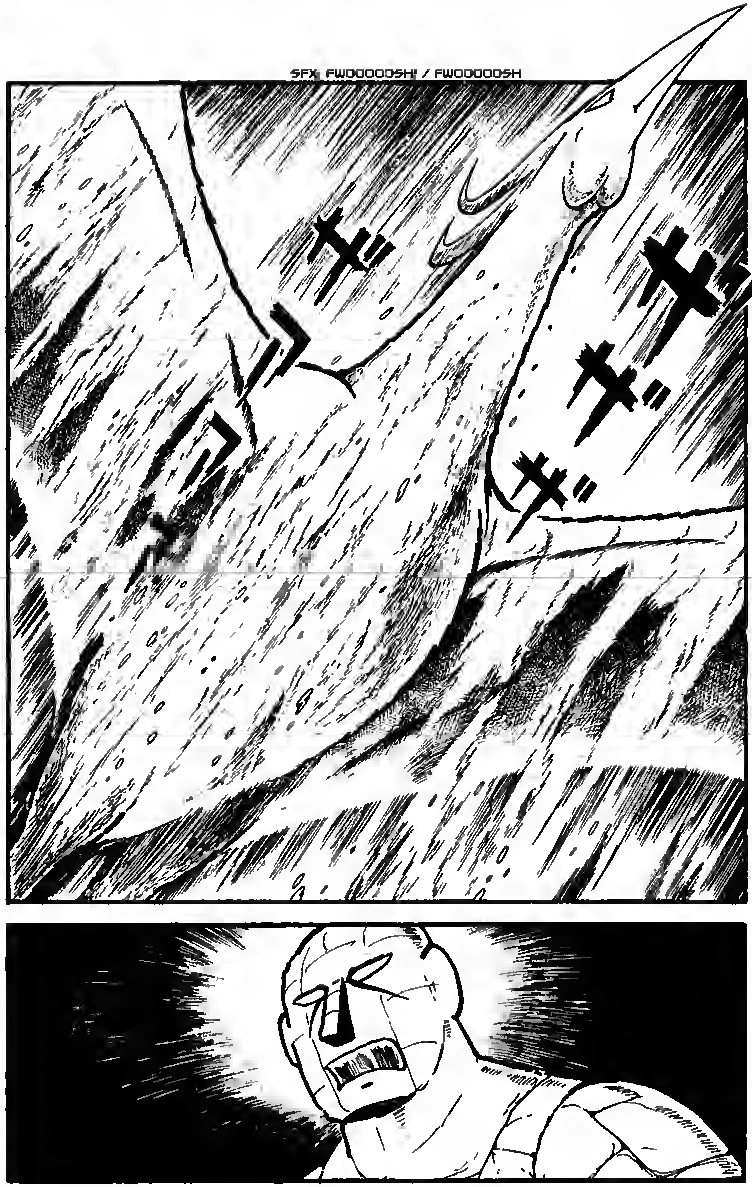

Now, run towards the snow as fast as you can!
SFX: SLITHER!
SFX: ROOOAAARRR!
SFX: ROOOAAARRR!
SFX: POP!


SFX. WHOOOOOSH!
SFX. BANG! BANG!
SFX. THUD! THUD! THUD! THUD! THUD! THUD!
SFX. EOOOAAAREE!

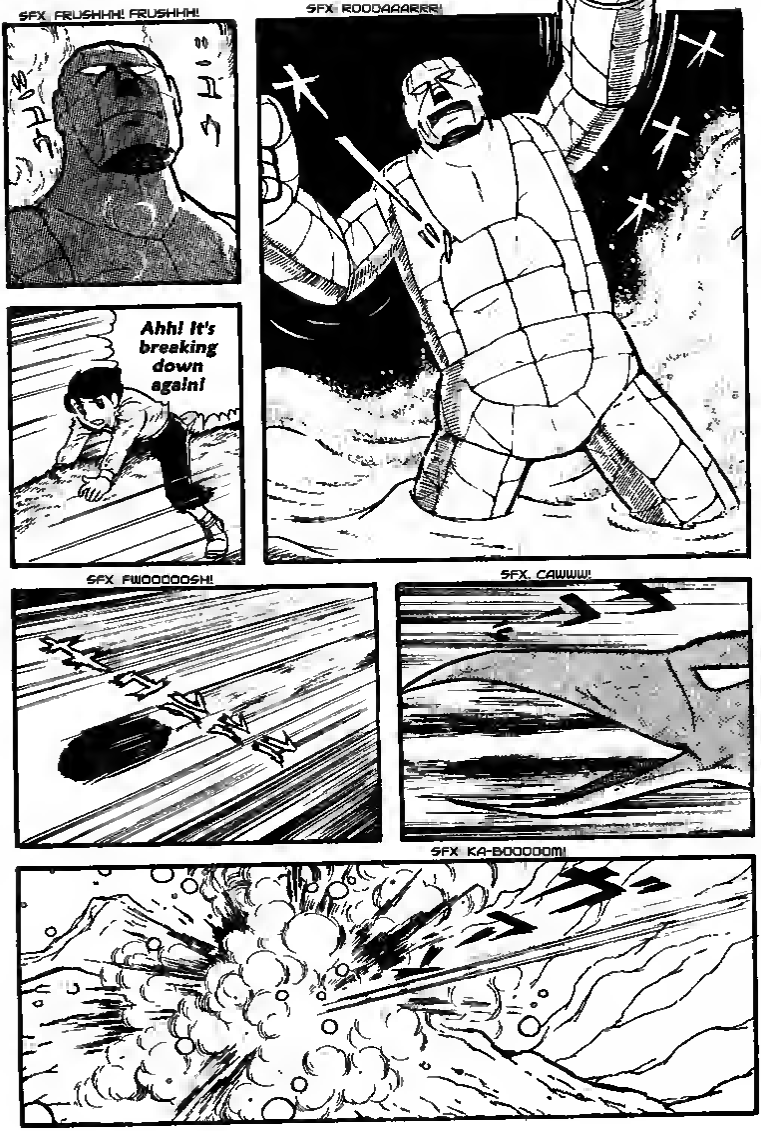

W-What a monster!


SFX: WHOOOOOSH! / THUD! THUD!
Rodem! What do I do now!? There's nowhere to run!
Ropross!
Ropross will be able to assist you better than I can! Summon him!
ROPROSS!
ROPROSS!
ROPROSS!
ROPROSS!

SFX BOOOM!
SFX SKREEEEEE!
SFX KA-BOOOOOM!

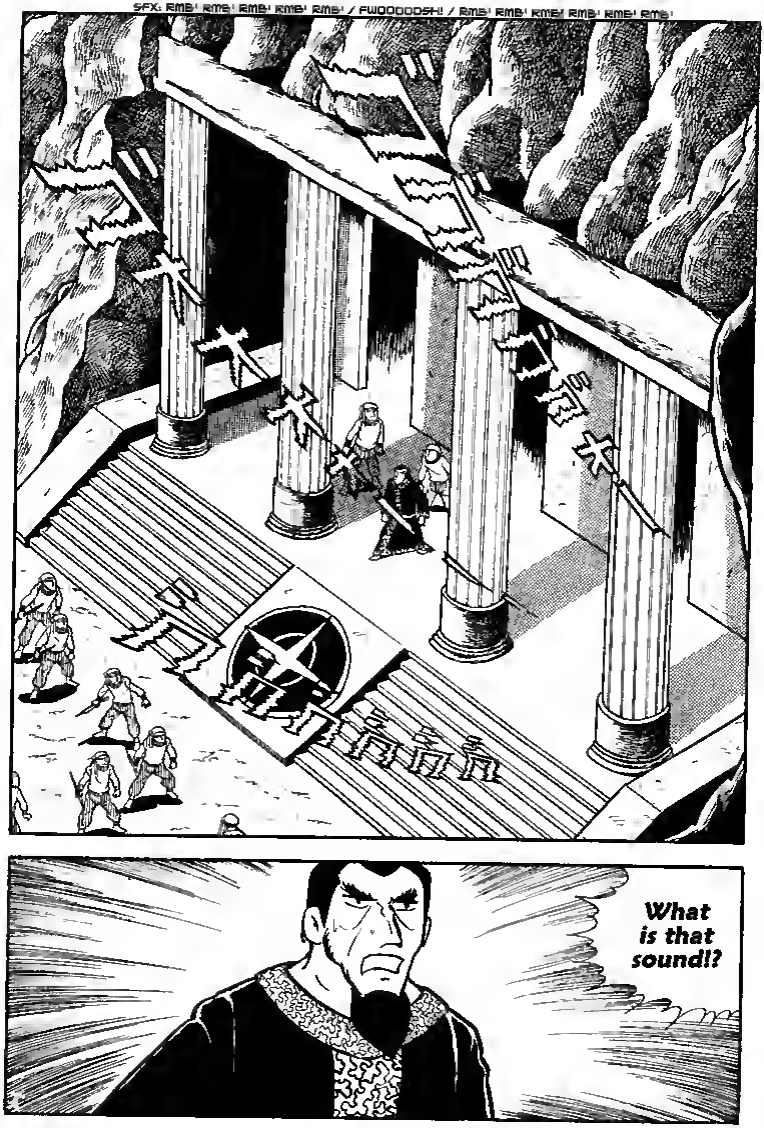

SFX: FWOOOOOSH! / FWOOOOOSH

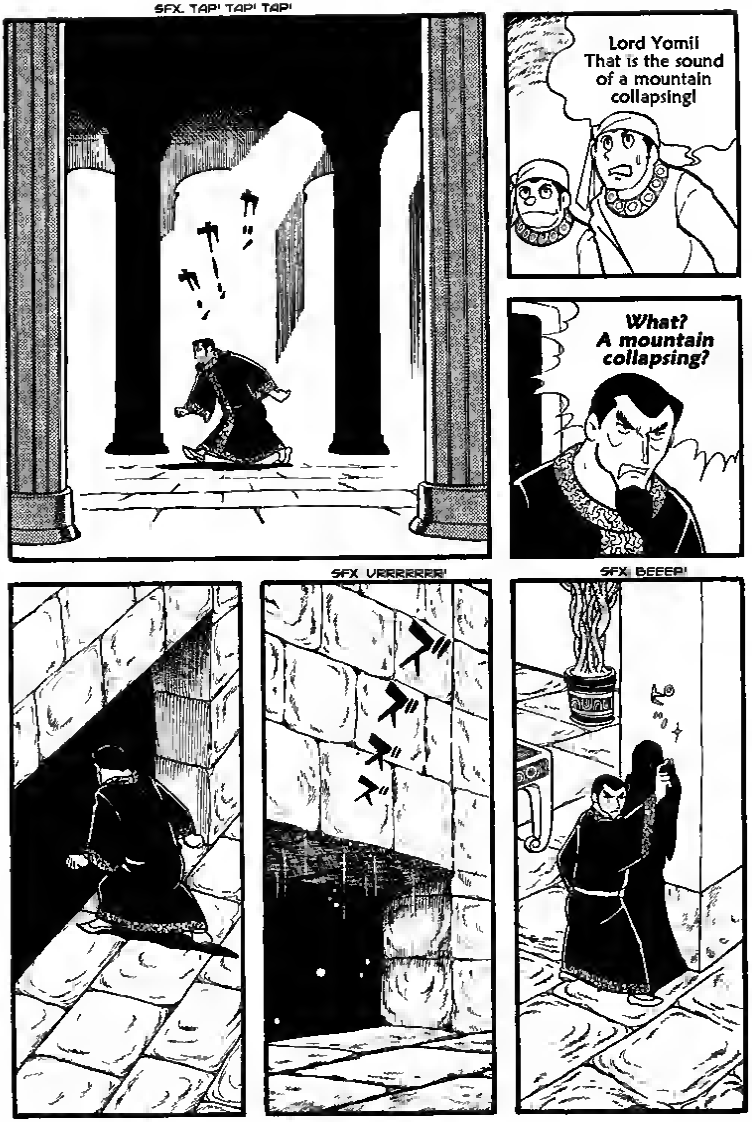
SFX: FWOOOOOSH!
SFX: WHOOOSH!

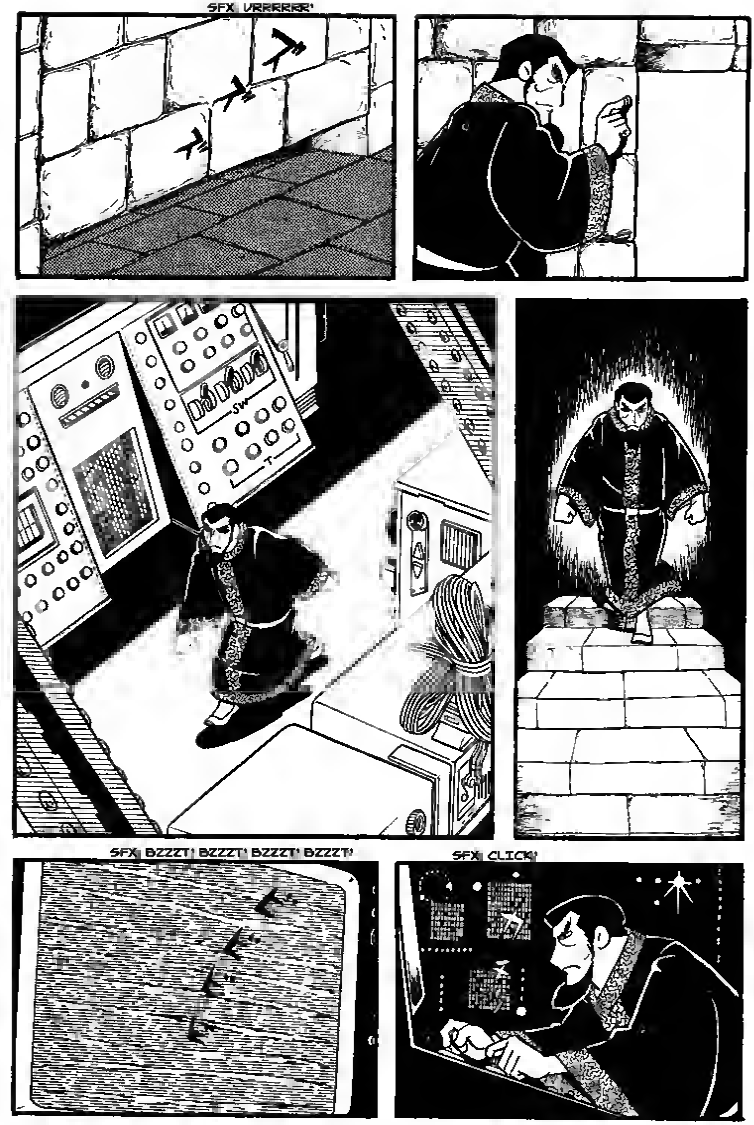

SFX: FRUSHHH! FRUSHHH!
SFX: ROOOAAARRR!
Ahh! It's breaking down again!
SFX: FWOOOOOSH!
SFX: CAWWW!
SFX: KA-BOOOOOM!

SFX: FRUSHHH! FRUSHHH! FRUSHHH!
Huh!?
SFX: RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!
Ropross! What did you do?

SFX: RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! /
FWOOOOOSH! / RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! / FWOOOOOSH!


SFX: RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! / FWOOOOOSH! / RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!
What is that sound!?


SFX: TAP! TAP! TAP!
Lord Yomii
That is the sound of a mountain collapsing!
What? A mountain collapsing?
SFX: VRRRRRR!
SFX: BEEEP!


SFX: VRRRRRR!
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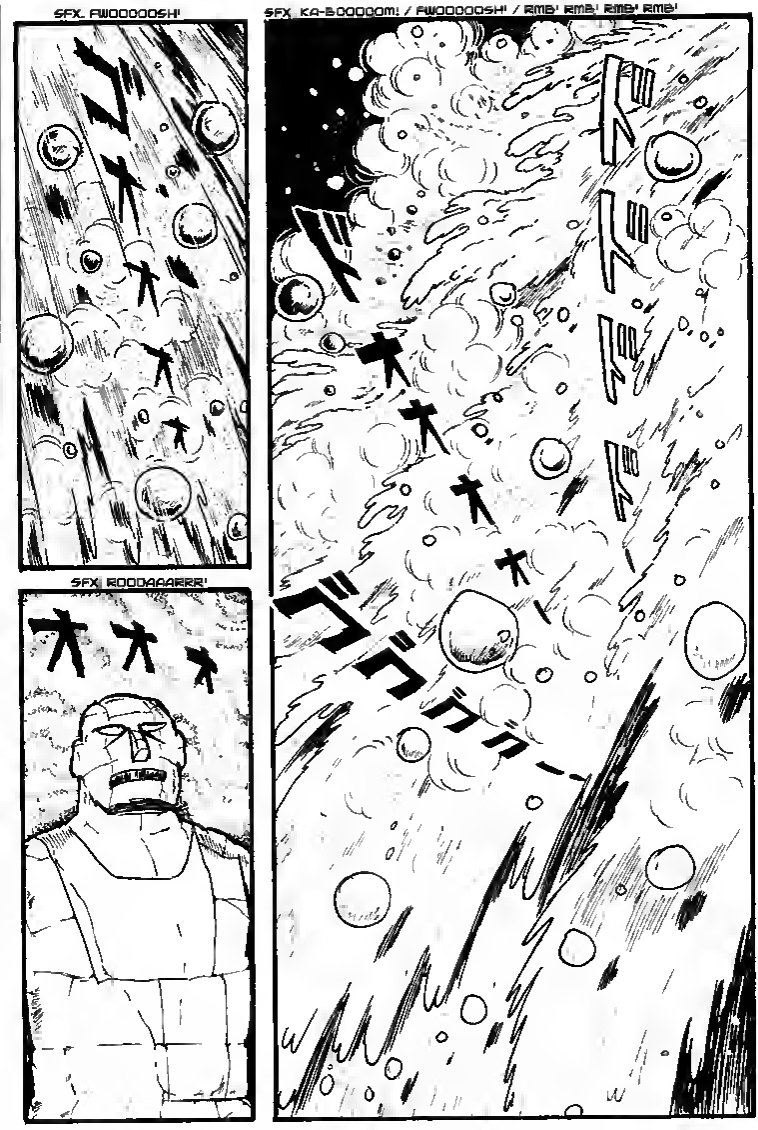
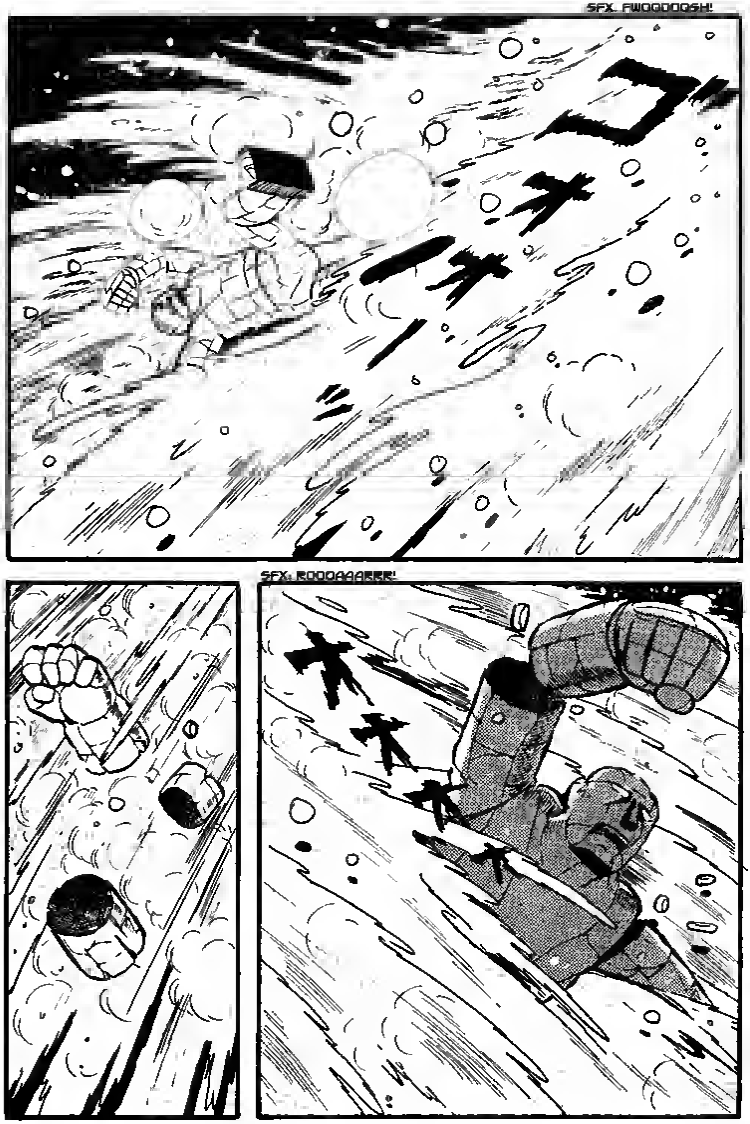
SFX: BZZZT! BZZZT! BZZZT! BZZZT!
SFX: CLICK!

SFX: RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!
SFX: RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!
SFX: FWOOOOOSH!
SFX: FWOOOOOSH!
I do not believe it! Babel II has caused an avalanche!


SFX: FWOOOOOSH!
SFX: KA-BOOOOOM! / FWOOOOOSH! / RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!
SFX: ROOOAAARRR!


SFX: FWOOOOOSH!
SFX: ROOOAAARR!

SFX: FWOOOOOSH! / RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB! RMB!
GORIKI!
You caused a tremor in the mountain to start an avalanche! I suppose not even an immortal monster can stand up to the power of an avalanche!
Now I understand why you shot at the face of the mountain, Roprossi

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CHAPTER 2